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ORDERED That his honor the Governor be requested to give directions that the Minutes of the proceedings of the former Governor and Council be laid before this Board.

ORDERED. That his honor the Governor be requested to cause this house to be furnished as soon as possible with a return of the Continental Marines and land forces doing duty within this State—And also of the several Minute Battalions and Troops of Horse and where they are respectively Stationed.

Extract from the Minutes

J^s WOOD Jun. Clerk

The said Committee (to wit) John Milledge & Arthur Fort Esquires also acquainted the Governor that they had in Charge from their house, a request that his honor would be pleased to Station the Land forces paid by this State, at such places as may prevent our enemies from Committing depredations in the Same.

The Board taking the foregoing resolves and Message into consideration do order,

First, That the Clerk of this Board do attend the honorable house of Assembly with the Minutes of the proceedings of the former Governor and Council.

Second, That Letters be wrote to the respective Officers of the Land and Naval department in order to obtain the information required by the house, and that the same when received be laid before them.

The following Message was sent by his honor the Governor, to the Honorable house of Assembly

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Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the honorable House of Assembly.

The Governor & Council taking into Consideration your resolves and message of this day have Ordered— As to the first— That the Clerk of this Board, do attend your honourable house with the Minutes of the proceedings of the former Governor and Council— Second— That Letters be wrote to the respective Officers of the Land and Naval Department in order to obtain the information required by your house, and that the same when received be laid before you— And as to the third— That a Committee of this board be appointed to confer with a Committee of your honorable house on the best place and the most advantageous posts to station the land Forces paid by this State, so as to promise the greatest probability of preventing our enemies from Committing depredations in the Same, and have accordingly appointed Charles Kent and John Lindsay Esqrs of that Committee— The Board ever desirous of promoting the interest of the State and the greatest harmony between the different branches of the Same do request that your honorable house will appoint a Committee for that purpose, it appearing to be a matter of great & general Concern and as such ought to be agreeable to the people.

JOHN HOUSTOUN

Council Chamber
Jany 14, 1778

Application being made to the Board; setting forth that the inhabitants of Richmond, Burke & Wilkes County were in great want of Salt— And the Commissary General being sent for and examined touching the quantity of Salt in his possession, as well as the quantity by him delivered out for the use and to be disposed of to the inhabitants of those Counties—he reported, That since the time of his having received the salt belonging to the public (to wit) since the month of July last past there had been delivered out by him in order to be sent up the Country the

following quantities to wit— To John Colman for the use of Wilkes County one hundred bushels.

To Benjamin Fulsom for said County one hundred Bushels.

To Jacob Cronberger for Effingham County two hundred Bushels besides what he delivered out in Small quantities to such persons throughout the State at large as applied to him in Savannah according to the number of heads in their family at the rate of a peck for each, agreeable to a resolve of the honorable the Assembly— But the said Commissary acquainted the Board that he was certain a large quantity had been delivered out by Mr Wood, prior to his taking charge of the said Salt but to whom, or in what quantities he could not say— It is therefore Ordered that the said Commissary General do deliver out the following quantities of Salt to the following Commissioners for the use of the Said Counties to wit.

To Chesley Bostick & Chas Crawford Esqr for the inhabitants of Richmond County, two hundred and fifty five Bushels—

To Edward Telfair Esquire for the inhabitants of Burke County, two hundred bushels—

To John Lindsay and Holman Freeman Esqrs for the inhabitants of Wilkes County, one hundred and four Bushels for said County—They the said Commissioners either paying for the Said Salt or giving their Notes respectively to do so, within three Months at and after the rate of Seven and Six pence per Bushel, and also giving a Receipt for the said Salt, and therein engaging that the same shall be fairly (as far as it will extend) distributed and Sold amongst the Inhabitants of the said Counties respectively at the rate of a peck a head for each person in family & that they will not exact more for the same, than will reimburse them in Cost and Charges.

And be it Further Ordered, That it be an instruction to the said Commissioners to require an oath before a Magistrate from

each person, before he obtain any of the said Salt, that he hath not already received his rights out of the Said public Salt in order that the same may be fairly distributed according to the intention of the said resolve of the Assembly—And further that they keep a Book and therein insert the name of, and quantities delivered out to such persons, applying for and obtaining Salt.

Samuel Miller Esqr a member of this Board having left town and been absent for several days without leave,

Ordered That a Letter be wrote to the said Samuel Miller requiring his immediate attendance, and that the same be sent off by express at the expence of the said Samuel Miller—

Thursday Jany 15, 1778.

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	Charles Kent
David Lewis	Jenkin Davis
Hollman Freeman	Willm Maxwell
John Fulton	John Lindsay
Chesly Bostick	John Keebler

The following resolves were Sent up from the honorable house of Assembly

House of Assembly Wednesday Jany 14: 1778

Whereas Budd Cade & Howell Sharp, have been confined on board the Row-Gallies as persons highly inimical to this State—And whereas the Said Budd Cade and Howell Sharp have ap-

plied for a Writ of Habeas Corpus in order to obtain Bail and be discharged from Such confinement and it is apprehended that for want of Sufficient evidence, that the Said Budd Cade and Howell Sharp may be permitted to go at large, which will be attended with dangerous consequences to the Inhabitants of the Said State,

ORDERED, That his honor the Governor be requested to give directions, that the Said Budd Cade & Howell Sharp may be Secured on Board the Said Gallies, until the danger which is apprehended from their being enlarged may be removed.

Extract from the Minutes.

J^s^ WOOD, Junr Clerk.

In consequence of the above Resolves the Chief Justice (who had been already furnished with a Copy of the Same from the Governor and had also Seen a further Affidavit) was Sent for, and attending the board, acquainted them, that he had already remanded the Said Budd Cade and Howell Sharp to Such Secure place as the Officer having them in custody think proper, And that in consequence thereof they had been carried back on Board the Gallies.

ORDERED, That a copy of the Said resolves be Sent to Commodore Bowen, and that he required not to let the Said persons depart or to be taken from the Said Gallies, but by order of this board.

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to enquire what quantity of Salt has been purchased by the State, and at what time & upon what Terms, And also how the Same has been disposed of, And what quantity now remains in Store—And that Richd Wylly & Chesley Bostick Esq^rs^ be that committee, who are required to make their report as Soon as possible.—

The Board appointed Robert Gray Door keeper.

Colonel Habersham attended the Board and laid before them the Affidavit of Stephen Phillips Setting forth, that he had about a Week ago—apprehended one John Aarons formerly of the Florida Scout and William Summons a Deserter from the first Georgia Battalion, and that in bringing the prisoners to Savannah he was met at the house of one Hudson by Capt Harding of Colonel Jacks Regiment of Minute Men who inlisted the Said Aarons and asked the Said Phillips for his authority in detaining them, and that if he chose he would release the other prisoner, drew his Sword and threat'ned the Said Phillips to make Sun and Moon Shine thro' him, or Words to that Effect.—

Ordered, That a copy of the Said Affidavit be delivered to Colonel Jack and that he be required to cause a Court Martial to be held upon the Said William Harding and proceeded against in the military line, and that the original Affidavit be delivered to the Attorney General and that he be directed to carry on Such prosecution (for resque or otherwise) as the Said Charge will bear.

The following Message was Sent to the honorable house of Assembly.

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen/

We beg leave to acquaint your Honorable house That we have appointed a Clerk, a Messenger & a Door keeper to this Board and to request your Honorable house will be pleased to provide Such Sallaries for them as Shall appear adequate and Sufficient to engage them to give constant attendance on us.

John Houstoun

Council Chamber
Jany 15th 1778

The following Resolve was sent up from the house of Assembly.

House of Assembly Thursday Jany 15, 1778.

ORDERED, That his honor the Governor be requested to order a return of the number of Militia belonging to this State to be laid before this House

Extract from the minutes

J^s WOOD, Jun. Clerk.

ORDERED, That letters be wrote by the Clerk to the Several Colonels or other commanding Officers of Militia throughout the State to obtain the information required, and that the Same when received be laid before the honorable House of Assembly

ORDERED, That Letters be wrote to the Lieu^t Colonels or other commanding Officers of the Militia of the Counties of Effingham & Richmond requiring them to proceed to the election of Officers so as to fill up all vacancies in their respective Battalions without delay and make a report of the Officers chosen, that Commissions may issue.

Friday January 16, 1778

The board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	Willm Maxwell
Charles Kent	John Fulton
David Lewis	Chesley Bostick
John Lindsay	Jenkin Davis
Holman Freeman	John Keebler

Robert Cochran & Jonathan Cotes waited on the board and qualified as Deputy Surveyors for the Counties of Richmond & Wilkes.

Monday 19th 1778

The board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	Chesley Bostick
Holman Freeman	John Lindsay
John Fulton	David Lewis

The following message was Sent to the honorable house of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen/

Colonel White who has lately brought upwards of three hundred men into this State, has made application to this board for the repayment of a Sum of money which has been advanced to him in North Carolina for the necessary expences of his Regiment in their march hither—We beg leave to refer him to your honorable house and would recommend that a mode be adopted to reimburse the person who has advanced this Sum, as we conceive the faith of the State to be in Some measure engaged—The Colonel informs us that he cannot for some days get the whole of his accounts ready to lay before you, but is desirous that this Sum be immediately paid by a draft upon the Continental Treasury, or in Such other way, as to your honorable house Shall appear most elegible.

JOHN HOUSTOUN.

Council Chamber }
Jany 19. 1778. }

Tuesday 20 January 1778

The board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	Samuel Miller
Chesley Bostick	Holman Freeman
John Lindsay	John Fulton
David Lewis	Jenkin Davis
William Maxwell	John Keebler

A Committee from the house of Assembly brought up the following resolve from their house

House of Assembly Jany 20th 1778

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his honor the Governor to request that he will enquire of General Howe whether he has received any recommendation from those in authority to the Northward respecting any Military operations in or concerning this State—Committed to Mr Stone, Mr Davies and Habersham

Extract from the minutes

J^{s} WOOD, Jun. Clk.

ORDERED, That a Copy of the above be sent to General Howe inclosed in a Letter from the Governor requiring the information desired And that his answer when received be sent to the house of Assembly.

Colonel's Jack and Stewart of the minute Battalion's having made their return of the number and Stations of their men respectively, and Commodore Bowen having made return of the number and vacancies in the Gallies.

ORDERED, That the Same be Sent to the house of Assembly.

The Court Martial appointed to Sit upon Captain Harding of the minute men having made their return whereby it appears they have Sentenced him to be discharged from the Service.

ORDERED, That the Said Sentence be confirmed, and that notice thereof be sent to Colonel Jack in order, that the Said Captain Harding may be immediately deprived of his Commission and Cashiered.—

Application being made to the Board by Capt Pettygrew of Colonel Jacks Battalion, Setting forth that under the terms of his Service, he was entitled to the first Commission as Captain in the Said Service, but that the Same had been by Some means delivered out to Captain Dixon.

ORDERED, That Colonel Jack be directed to Summon a Court of enquiry, and Settle this difference as the Said Court Shall find to be right and just.

ORDERED, That the Commissary General do furnish John Wereat Esquire a Commissioner of Trade with twelve Gallons of rum, for the Use of the people at work on board the public Vessels.

Friday January 23, 1778

The board met

Present

His honor the Governor

William Maxwell	Chesley Bostick
Jenkin Davis	John Fulton
Samuel Miller	David Lewis
John Keebler	John Lindsay

Holman Freeman

The Chief Justice having acquainted the Governor that the Office of Clerk of the Court for the County of Chatham was vacant by the resignation of Mr Jas Jackson, and at the same time recommended Mr Wm Stewart to fill that Office.

Ordered, That the Said William Stewart be accordingly appointed Clerk of the Court for the Said County in the room of the Said James Jackson until the next General Election.

The following message was Sent to the House of Assembly.

Mr Speaker & Gentlemen

Application has been made to this board by Mr Wereat the Commissioner of trade Setting forth that the Brigantine Recovery belonging to the State is now nearly ready for Sea, and that there is only a quantity of Rice provided for her Cargo, and Submitting to our consideration whether it would not be of advantage to the State to put on board also a few Casks of Indigo.— We beg leave to recommend this matter to your honorable House & must observe that the addition of a few Casks of Indigo will add considerably to the value of the cargo & consequently produce larger returns in Goods, which at the present time especially becomes very necessary, and will add nothing

to the outfit and voyage of the Vessel— If the matter Strikes your honorable house in the Same point of view you will be pleased to order a quantity of Indigo to be purchased & put on board this Vessel at the public Cost and for the public, benefit. And we further beg leave to Send you herewith a Letter from Commodore Bowen recommending Several matters which appear to us of high utility to the State

JOHN HOUSTOUN

Council Chamber
January 23d 1778

ORDERED, That the Commissary General of this State and also the Commissioners of Trade for the ports of Savannah and Sunbury, be Severally directed to collect all the Salt belonging to the public and in their hands respectively into a few Store houses as the quantity and conveniency thereof will admit of— That they have the quantity of the Same as nearly ascertained as possible, and that they respectively make return of their proceedings herein to this board without loss of time. And it is Further Ordered that neither of the persons having in charge public Salt do dispose of or deliver out any more thereof without an order for that purpose from the Governor.—

The representatives in Assembly of Burke County acquainted the Governor that William McNorrel was elected Sheriff of the County of Burke, but that he does not intend to qualify for the Said Office, and at the Same time recommended Lamuel Lanier to fill that vacancy.

ORDERED, That the Said Lamuel Lanier be accordingly, upon his qualifying and giving Security appointed Sheriff for the Said County in the room of the Said William McNorrel until the next General Election.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday 27 January 1778

The board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	Charles Kent
Chesley Bostick	Jenkin Davis
John Keebler	Holman Freeman
David Lewis	John Lindsay

John Fulton.

Lamuel Lanier waited on the Board and qualified as Sheriff for the County of Burke and also gave Security in the Sum of two thousand pounds for the due performance of the Said Office—

Joseph Dunlap waited on the Board and qualified as Keeper of the Arsenal & powder receiver for the town of Savannah—

Ordered, That the powder Receivers for the ports of Savannah & Sunbury and also the Commissary General for the State do immediately Survey & inspect all the powder & other amunition in their respective custodies and make report of the quantity and Condition of the Same to the Governor, particularly Specifying the part which is Continental, that which is State & that which is Private property.—

The following message was Sent to the honorable House of Assembly.

Mr Speaker & Gentlemen,

Herewith I send your honorable house a letter from the President of Congress inclosing a resolve which fell into my hands yesterday—the late Governor has lodged in my Custody, Continental Loan Office Certificates to the amount of one hundred

and Sixty thousand four hundred Dollars your honorable house will be pleased to make Some order or determination respecting them.

He has also delivered over to me Some papers which I shall take due care of but declined parting with the Letter which accompanied these Loan Office Certificates, apprehending it necessary (as he said) for himself to retain the Same— I have not as yet received any other papers either from the Representatives of the late Mr Bulloch or Mr Gwinnett—I conceive from the information received from the Executors few papers of consequence remained in their hands at the time of their respective deaths.

JOHN HOUSTOUN

Council Chamber
January 28th 1778

Thursday 29 January 1778

The board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	Chesley Bostick
William Maxwell	Charles Kent
Jenkin Davis	John Lindsay
John Fulton	John Keebler
Holman Freeman	David Lewis

The following resolves were received from the House of Assembly.

House of Assembly Saturday Jany 24—1778

ORDERED That all Bonds of a public nature which are already

or which shall hereafter be taken, by, or made payable to the Governor and his Successors in Office be applied in the Secretary's Office of this State, and that the said Secretary do immediately upon receipt of the Same, cause them to be recorded.

Wednesday January 28: 1778

ORDERED, That the several persons appointed to Offices within this State by this House attend his Honor the Governor in Council or obtain a Dedimus in order to qualify themselves for their respective appointments within one month from this day otherwise their appointments will be deemed void unless a Sufficient excuse is made before his Honor the Governor in Council for their neglect therein.

Thursday January 19, 1778

RESOLVED, That his Honor the Governor be requested to direct the Commissary to enquire for such houses without the Town of Savannah may be suitable for Hospitals for the use of the Continental Naval & Land forces doing duty with State, and in case Such can be found that this House be acquainted therewith.

Extract from the minutes

J^s^ WOOD, Junr Clerk.

William Stewart waited on the board and qualified as Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Chatham.

James Anderson qualified as Clerk of the Market of the Town of Savannah.

House of Assembly Wednesday Jany 29—1778

RESOLVED, That his honor the Governor be requested to Issue his Proclamation forbidding the exportation of Salt from this State for one month without permission from him & to continue

the said prohibition if he shall find the same absolutely necessary for the benefit of this State

Extract from the minutes

J^s Wood, Junr Clerk.

The following orders were made upon the foregoing Resolves —As to the first—That a Copy of this resolve be served upon the Secretary—as to the Second—That the resolve be duly published in the Gazette three times—as to the third—that such orders do accordingly issue to the Commissary—as to the fourth —that a Proclamation be accordingly made out by the Attorney General & published in the Gazette—

Ordered, That one hundred Weight of Iron be delivered out of the Arsenal to Major Romand for public use.

The following Message was sent to the House of Assembly.

Mr Speaker & Gentlemen,

The Colonels of the minute Battalions inform me their men are in a very uneasy situation for want of provisions & other necessaries, the Commissary having declined acting any longer—Give me leave to recommend this matter to your consideration and to suggest that it be an order of your honorable house that Commissaries in future give good security and take their appointments for a limited time.

The Comissary of the Continental Troops in this State also informs me that his Store of provisions is nearly exhausted and that he has no fund out of which he can purchase; Give me leave to recommend that you will be pleased to pass a Vote, granting him a loan of one thousand pounds out of the State Treasury upon the Certificate of the Commanding Officer that the Same is necessary:—that Sum to be charged to the Continent and the Comissary to be accountable to them for the ex-

penditure of the Same. Mr Homby having informed me, that he has in his hands a sum of Continental money (about ten thousand Dollars) for the use of this State:—I have directed him to lodge the same in the Treasury subject to the order or disposal of your honorable house—

JOHN HOUSTOUN

Council Chamber
January 30th 1778

Thomas Corns having informed the Board of Treasonable practices in Aaron Fryer a prisoner in the Guard House, the said Thomas Corn's, Affidavit, & examination, respecting this matter, were taken & read.

ORDERED, That the same be immediately delivered to the Chief Justice,—that the said Thomas Corns do attend the said Chief Justice in Company with the Sheriff—and that the said Chief Justice be required to take such immediate Steps in this matter as may appear to him necessary.

Tuesday the 3d of February 1778

The board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	David Lewis
John Fulton	Holman Freeman
Jenkin Davis	John Keebler
John Lindsay	Samu'l Miller

The following resolve was received from the honorable House of Assembly

House of Assembly Friday Jany 30th 1778

The house took into consideration the report of the Committee on petitions on the petition of Alexander Martin.

Henry Cuyler Esqr was called in & examined

Jenkin Davis Esqr was called in & examined

RESOLVED, That upon the said Alexander Martin's producing vouchers before his Honor the Governor in Council and in every other respect complying with the Act entitled an act for the expulsion of the internal enemies of this State, he be intitled to every right & privilege of a Citizen.

Extract from the minutes

Jo^{s} WOOD, Junr Clerk.

Pursuant to a resolve of the honorable house of Assembly Alexander Martin waited on the board and took the oath agreeable to an Act for the expulsion of the internal Enemies of this State and produced two vouchers (to wit) Henry Cuyler and George Bunner—

The following message was sent to the honorable House of Assembly

Mr Speaker & Gentlemen,

I beg leave to communicate to your honorable house a Letter from his Excellency the President of South Carolina which I received last night inclosing a message to him from the house of Assembly of that State

JOHN HOUSTOUN.

Council Chamber
3 February 1778

The house of Assembly having refered the Petition of Arthur Carney to this Board by resolve of their house dated monday February the second 1778

ORDERED, That a flag of truce be granted to the said Arthur Carney, as far the East Florida post on Saint Johns & that the following Letter be wrote by the Governor of this State to the Governor of that province.

Sir,

The bearer Mr Arthur Carney returns to your Excellency in pursuance of his parole.

We have not at present a prisoner in the Civil Department whom I could offer for him. but if you will consent to his returning to this State he shall remain in the Same Character until the fortune of War shall put it in our power to exchange him

I am &c

JOHN HOUSTOUN.

Agreeable to the Resolve of the honorable House of Assembly an order was drawn on the Treasury for one thousand pounds in favor of the Commissary General for supplying the Continental Troops

The following message was sent to the house of Assembly

Mr Speaker & Gentlemen

Herewith I send your honorable house a Letter which I had the honor to receive a day or two ago from Major General Howe: the matters therein mentioned falling more properly within the line of your Consideration than mine—

JOHN HOUSTOUN

February 4th 1778

The board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	William Maxwell
David Lewis	John Fulton
John Lindsay	Samuel Miller
John Keebler	Jenkin Davis

Holman Freeman

Agreeable to a resolve of the honorable house of Assembly dated February 3d 1778 Ten thousand Continental Dollars were sent to the president of South Carolina for the use of the unfortunate Sufferers in the late fire in Charles Town by Major Demere—whose receipt for the same is lodged in the Treasury—the money raised in the following manner.

From the Treasury	9,933	
From Jno McCleur Esquire a loan & for which an order was given on the Treasurers payable out of the first Continental money in their hands	67	10,000 Dols

Ordered, That Commissioners be made out for the several Militia Officers of Burke County appointed at a late general election—agreeable to the return made

The following message was sent to the honorable house of Assembly vizt

Mr Speaker & Gentlemen,

Mr Goddard De bruh this day brought & delivered to me the Seal of this State, it shall at any time be delivered to a Committee when you shall to examine it— The maker has made

application to me for some acknowledgement for his extra trouble & loss in bringing the Seal—

I must refer this matter to you & herewith send you the Account he gave in.

The Commissary General has informed me that agreeable to your order he hath enquired for a proper place for a hospital & finds the house lately occupied by John Patton very fit for that purpose— Under circumstances your honorable house will determine whether it will be necessary to appropri to that use by Law immediately

Council Chamber JOHN HOUSTOUN.
February 4, 1778

ORDERED, That James Jackson be appointed Register of probates for the County of Chatham in the room of James Whitefield Esquire who resigned:— the said James Jackson attended and qualified for the Said Office.

ORDERED, That unless Chesley Bostick Esqr shall arrive in Town by ten Oclock tomorrow that the Clerk Send off a Letter requiring his immediate attendance by express at the expence of the said Chesley Bostick.

ORDERED, That Jenkin Davis Esqr have leave of absence for one week.

Friday February 6th 1778

The board met

present

his honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	John Fulton
David Lewis	John Keebler
Holman Freeman	Samuel Miller
John Lindsay	Chesley Bostick

The following resolve was received from the honble house of Assembly

House of Assembly Thursday Feby 5th 1778

Resolved, That his honor the Governor have power to contract with any person or persons to Supply the Minute Battalions at or not exceeding three Shillings per Ration for one month and that his honor be requested to give directions for notice to be given that a Commissary or Commissioners are wanted to supply the said Battalions that the Same may be supply'd on more moderate terms in future.

Extract from the minutes

Js Wood Jnr C K

Mr George Walton attended the Board & engaging to furnish the minute Battalions upon the above terms for the space of one month

Ordered, That the said George Walton be appointed Commissary and that an order be drawn in his favor for four thousand pounds on the Treasurers (that is to say) two thousand pounds voted by Assembly 29th January last & two thousand pounds on this day upon his giving Bond with one or more

Sufficient Securities for the faithful discharge of the said trust and also for his being accountable for the said Sum of four thousand pounds when thereunto required.

Two Letters one from Major General Howe dated the third February 1778 the other from Commodore Bowen dated the Sixth February 1778 addressed to the Governor were laid before the Board.

ORDERED That the same be sent to the honorable house of Assembly and that the matters therein contained be recommended to their consideration.

ORDERED, That the following flag be granted to Arthur Carney and that the Same be Sign'd by the Governor.

"Mr Carney the Bearer hereof has a flag of truce to pass as far as the post occupied by the British forces on Saint Johns River— given under my hand &c And that application be made to the commanding Officer in Savannah to issue the following Orders to the commanding Officer in Sunbury to accompany the said flag

Sir/

permission and a flag of truce being granted Mr Arthur Carney to return to Saint Augustine agreeable to his parole you are required to let him pass from Sunbury to the post on St Johns River occupied by the British forces, if he shall agree to take, and shall actually take following oath before any Magistrate of this State and not otherwise Vizt I do solemnly Swear that I will not during my stay as a prisoner in East Florida reveal or discover any matter or thing whatsoever to any person or persons within the said province which shall appear injurious to the good people of this State or the Cause of America any letters, papers, or persons whatsoever but such as shall be seen & approved of by the Commanding Officer in Sunbury

So help me God.

And you are further requireed to inspect all Letters and papers as shall be laid before you & to let none pass that you shall conceive to be improper and also not to let more than one other person go with the Said Arthur Carney and to cause him to take the Same oath taking care at the same time that he be in your opinion a friend to the Cause of America

A Committee from the honorable house of Assembly brought up and delivered the great Seal of the State to the Governor.

February 9th 1778

The board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	John Fulton
David Lewis	John Lindsay
Holman Freeman	Charles Crawford.
Chesley Bostick	

William Bennett appeared before the Board and represented on oath, that Some persons in Saint Andrews parish unknown to him were daily Sending off boats loaded with provisions to Saint Augustine and that some persons supposed to be the Florida Scout, had lately robbed several people in Saint Johns parish of their horses.

Ordered, That a copy of the above be immediately furnished Commodore Bowen and that he be requested to man one of the Gallies by drafts out of the others And to Station her so as to intercept the Said Boats passing & repassing to & from the Southward and that he be required to renew his application to the commanding Officer of the Continental Troops

for men to man all the Gallies as recommended by the honorable House of Assembly, & that so soon as they shall be mann'd they repair to their Several Stations there being in the opinion of this Board an absolute necessity for every exertion to have the immediately and constantly upon actual duty.

Ordered also That a Copy of the foregoing be furnished the Commanding Officer of the Continental Troops in Savannah.

On the application of the Committee of Chatham County for the expulsion of the internal Enemies of the State. It is Ordered that the following order do issue directed to the Sheriff of the said County:—

Sir/

It being represented to the Board by the Committee of Chatham County appointed by act for the expulsion of the internal enemies of the State that number of persons who have been by them ordered off the State & whose time is expired do still remain in the Same in contempt or neglect of their order.

You are therefore hereby required to procure from the said Committee a list properly Certified of the names of all such persons and without delay to apprehend and imprison such offenders & them detain without Bail or mainprize in the Goal of this County shall and may be procured for them, and that then you send such offenders out of the State agreeable to the Sixth Section of the Said Act: and their effects being by the Said Act forfeited: you are further required to carry into execution the orders you Shall receive from the Said Committee on that head in order that the Same may be delivered over for the use of the State pursuant to the said Law.

A letter from Major General Howe in answer to a proposition of the honorable house of Assembly respecting an Expedition into and against East Florida, addressed to the Governor being laid before the Board:

ORDERED, That the Same be immediately communicated to the honorable house of Assembly.

The form of a Grant being laid before the Board by the Attorney General:

ORDERED, That the same be sent to the honorable house of Assembly and that they be requested to Settle the Same there being in the opinion of this Board a necessity for inserting clauses therein not particularly mentioned in the Act for opening the Land Office.

A Petition from James Rae respecting his Supplying the Continental Troops in the State for some time being laid before the Board.

ORDERED, That the Same be Sent to the honorable House of Assembly and that it be recommended to them to take the merits thereof into consideration.

John Dooly waited on the board & qualified as Sheriff for the County of Wilkes & gave Security in the Sum of two thousand pounds for the due performance of the said Office.

William Stephens waited on the Board and qualified as Attorney General for this State.

John Martin also qualified as Sheriff for the County of Chatham.

Thomas Chisolm also qualified as Surveyor General for this State.

pursuant to a resolve of the honorable house of Assembly Thomas Waters of the County of Wilkes waited on the Board, and took the Oath agreeable to an act for the expulsion of the internal Enemies of this State.

ORDERED, In pursuance of a resolve of the honorable house

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of Assembly of this day that in future all such persons as want passes and permits do apply to the Secretary of this State and that he be impowered to grant the same until otherwise ordered by the Governor and Council.

ORDERED, That the foregoing be published in the Gazette

RESOLVED, That the following order issue to the Commissary General of this State

Sir.

It being represented to me in Council that a house belonging to William OBryen Esqr.—is at present occupied by a very few Soldiers as Barracks, and that a much Smaller and more ordinary house wou'd answer that purpose: You are therefore required to make enquiry into this matter and to provide some other house in or about the Town, which will answer for the said Soldiers and to cause them to be immediately removed into the same; If you find it necessary you will act in concert with the Quarter master General of the Troops.

And I am further to require of you that you make enquiry for a house or place in or about the Town f and proper for Major Romand of the Artillery to carry on the works necessary in his department, and that you make report of the result of your enquiry herein to me as soon as possible in order that such proper place be appropriated to that use.

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to revise the instructions hitherto given to Deputy Surveyors and to report thereon whether the same require any alteration or addition, and also to consider and report the form of an Affidavit proper to be taken by persons applying for Lands agreeable to the act of Assembly, and likewise such other regulations as under the said Act ought to be adopted in regard to the Granting of Lands—And that Messrs Wylly & Bostick be that Committee—

Wednesday February 11, 1778

The board met

present

His honor the president

Chesley Bostick	Charles Crawford
Holman Freeman	John Keebler

A letter from William Farrel Esquire Lieu^t^ Colonel of one of the Minute Battalions dated the eighth instant directed to his honor the Governor inclosing a Letter from Henry Karr directed to said Farrel were laid before the Board.

ORDERED That the said Letter be immediately sent to the honorable house of Assembly

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Thursday February 12, 1778

The board met

present his honor the Governor

William Maxwell	Chesley Bostick
Charles Crawford,	John Lindsay
John Keebler	John Fulton
David Lewis	Holman Freeman

ORDERED. that a Letter of Marque be granted to Capt^t^ John Latreyte of the Sloop Le Vengica he giving security and otherwise complying with the regulations of Congress.

Agreeable to the resolves of the house of Assembly an order for four thousand and five hundred pounds was drawn by the

Governor on the Treasury in favor of James Rae Esquire, Commissary General for the Continental Troops in this State, and likewise an order for eight thousand pounds in favor of William Martin Pay master for the two minute Battalions he having given Bond with Security.

The following resolves were sent from the house of Assembly Viz[t]

House of Assembly Wednesday February 11, 1778

RESOLVED, That his honor the Governor be requested to give the necessary orders to Colonel Jack & Colonel Stewart of the minute Battalions to have the said Battalions in readiness in case their immediate Service should be required in consequence of resolutions intered into by the house of Assembly and that the same orders be given to Captain Coleman respecting his two Companies of Light horse.

RESOLVED That his Honour the Governor and Council be empowered to procure the house at Thunderbolt commonly called the Oyster house for the reception of the Sick of the Continental Naval, and Land forces and treat with the proprietors of the same for that purpose as soon as possible—

RESOLVED, That his honor the Governor be requested to give orders and directions to the Commissaries and pay Masters and all the Officers of the forces in the pay of this State to conduct and govern themselves agreeable to the rules and regulations established by Congress for the Government of their Officers in the like Stations so far as the same are applicable and practicable in our Situation until this house Shall establish proper regulations for the government of their Own Troops, and that his Honor do as Commander in Chief of the Said forces enforce the said regulations as aforementioned and particularly that he require the Commanding Officers of these several Battalions, Troops or Companies to make him Weekly returns of their several Battalions, Troops and Companies—

Resolved, That the Treasurers of this State pay no money to the paymaster of the said forces in the pay of this State but by order of this house or Warrant from his honor the Governor in Council and that the abstract for the several Battalions Troops or Companies in the pay of this State be made up by the paymaster at the close of every Month and be Certified by the respective Colonels or Commanding Officers who shall carefully examine and compare the same with their Weekly returns.

Resolved, That his honor the Governor be requested to Cause the said Abstracts so certified as aforesaid to be examined and Compared with the Weekly returns made to him and if found right to give the paymaster Draughts on the Treasury as above directed for the amount of the said Abstracts, and that the paymaster alone shall settle with and pay the money due to the Officers and Soldiers agreeable to the said Abstracts either in person or to their written order and take receipts for the same to be produced by him as vouchers on the Settlement of his Accounts.

Extract from the minutes

J^s^ Wood, Junr Clk

The following orders were made ——— as to the first.

Ordered, That a Copy thereof be furnished Col Jack & Col Stewart of the Minute men and also Colonel Coleman of the Horse, and that they severally be desired to equip and prepare their men in the best manner they can—and without delay to acquaint the Governor of the number which might be depended on to March—their wants which must be supplyed particularly in regard to arms, and to furnish an exact detail of every other Circumstance respecting them which in the Opinion of the said Officers is necessary to be attended to, before they could take a long March, having in view at the same time the greatest frugality, expedition and probability of being able to obtain Such Supply.

As to the second,

That a Copy thereof be furnished the Commissary General and that he be desired to put the Battalion and Naval Surgeons in possession of the said house, it being at present unoccupied and the former owner Jn° Mulryne Esqr out of the State.

As to the third, fourth, & fifth.

That copies thereof be furnished the Commissaries and paymasters and also all Commanding Officers of forces in the pay of the State and likewise the Treasurers and that they be severally enjoined to pay due obedience to the same.

A Letter from General Howe containing the opinion as to the manning the Gallies with Continental Troops, and suggesting many reasons why it could not be done was laid before the Board.

ORDERED That Application be made to the house of Assembly for leave for the Governor to draw upon the Treasury in favor of Major Romand of the Artillery for one thousand pounds as a Continental Loan their being a necessity in the opinion of the board for his works to be going on.

ORDERED That the Treasurers pay Lieu^t Frederick Lipham Six pounds Seventeen Shillings out of any Contingent fund the same being for extra expences in coming express above his pay

ORDERED That a Dedimus issue to any three Magistrates in Richmond County who have already qualified, to qualify the other Magistrates of that County lately appointed by the house of Assembly.

Benjamin Thompson waited on the board & qualified as Deputy Surveyor for the Counties of Richmond & Wilkes.

Friday February 13th 1778

The board met

present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	William Maxwell
Chesley Bostick	Holman Freeman
John Lindsay	David Lewis
John Fulton	John Keebler

The Governor laid before the Board certain resolves of the honorable house of Assembly which had been delivered to him respecting his Calling a Council of War to deliberate on some matters & desired their opinion on the following points.

First—Whether the Executive Council ought to be present and considered as members of the said Council of War.

Second—Whether all the Militia field Officers throughout the State (or such as may be conveniently had) as well as field Officers in regular Service in the pay of the State and who can conveniently attend and also Commodore Bowen ought to be Summoned to such Council.

Third—Whether any other person ought to be Summoned to such Council of War.

Fourth—Whether the field Officers in the Continental Establishment can be admitted on any other terms than as Members to Vote it not being expressed it not being expressed in the resolve whether they are to be summoned as members, or upon the same footing as the Commt of three from Assembly.

Fifth—Whether the same questions ought to be propounded and debated in such Council as were the Subject matter of Gen-

eral Howes Letter of the Seventh Instant as well as any other questions which may be proposed by the Committee from Assembly.

Sixth—Whether the result of this Council of War is to be immediately communicated at large to the Assembly.

The Board taking these several points into Consideration are of opinion that the Same ought to be referred to the house of Assembly for their determination thereon before the Council of War is Summoned.——

Ordered That unless Samuel Miller & Charles Kent Esq^{rs} do attend their duty at this Board or make Sufficient excuse for their absence by Monday next that a Letter be wrote to each of them by express requiring their immediate attendance, at the expence of the Said Samuel Miller and Charles Kent.

Saturday the 14: 1778

The Board met

Present His Honor the President

William Maxwell	David Lewis
John Fulton	Chas Crawford
John Lindsay	Holman Freeman.
Chesley Bostick	

Isaac Dubose waited on the Board and qualified as Deputy Surveyor for the Counties of Chatham, Liberty Effingham & Burke

Chesley Bostick Esqr qualified as Justice of the peace for the County of Richmond.

David Reese qualified as Collector for the port of Sunbury.

Monday February 16, 1778

The Board met

Present

his honor the President

Charles Crawford	David Lewis
Holman Freeman	John Lindsay
Jenkin Davis	John Fulton

Application being made to the Board by Major General Howe, setting forth that a large party of the florida Scout is now Committing depredations Within this State, that in order to cut of their retreat into East Florida it is necessary that a party of horse be immediately sent out—that about twenty horses added to those which he has wou'd be sufficient for that purpose and that he is also in want of a Number of Saddles which horses & Saddles he requests may be hired or pressed.—

Ordered That it be recomended to the honorable house of Assembly to take the same into immediate consideration—

Tuesday the 17th 1778

The Board met

present

His honor the President.

Chesley Bostick	Charles Crawford
John Fulton	David Lewis
Holman Freeman	Jenkin Davis

The following Message was received from the Honorable house of Assembly.

House of Assembly Tuesday Feby 17th 1778

RESOLVED That his honor the Governor be requested to order the Commissioners appointed by this House to take Charge of the Estates of the suspected persons within the County of Richmond to deliver up a Certain quantity of Boards belonging to Messrs Thompson, Foules, Henderson and Struthers which have been for Some time Since engaged for the use of this State.

Extract from the Minutes

J^{s} WOOD Junr Clerk

ORDERED That a copy of the Same be Sent to the Commissioners appointed by the Honorable House of Assembly to take charge of the estates of the Suspected persons within the County of Richmond and that they do in pursuance of the Said Resolve deliver the Said Boards to such persons as are properly authorized to receive the Same.—

John Nevin appeared before the Board and gave the following information upon oath, That Benjamin Jones confessed to the informant that he had been for Some time past a private in the Florida Scout and that he came into this State as one of the party who Some time Since committed the Several robberies on Ogeechee that the said Jones further told the informant that it was his intention to leave them as soon as he possibly could and return to his fathers house and did not mean to join them again.

ORDERED That the said John Nevin's Affidavit be immediately delivered to the Chief Justice, that the Said Benjamin Jones do attend the Chief Justice in Custody of the Messenger— And that the said John Nevin do also attend him and that the Chief Justice be required to take such steps in this matter as may appear to him necessary—

Thursday Feby 19th 1778

The Board met

present

His honor the Governor

Charles Crawford	John Lindsay
Jenkin Davis	John Keebler
William Maxwell	Chesley Bostick
Holman Freeman	Richard Wylly

The following message was received from the honorable house of Assembly.

House of Assembly Feby 19th 1778

RESOLVED, That his honor the Governor be requested to postpone (for the present) issuing the Dedimus to qualify the magistrates of the Several Counties in this State

Extract from the Minutes

J^{s} WOOD Junr Clerk

ORDERED accordingly—

RESOLVED, That the remaining part of the late Capt Lees Company enlisted and designed for the Service of the united States now on duty at the Battery of the Trustees Gardens be turned over to Complete Capt. Youngs Company of Artillery in the Service of the Said States, and that this House will make proper provision for Lieut^{nt} Johnson.

Extract from the Minutes

J^{s} WOOD Junr Clerk

ORDERED That Copies of the foregoing resolve be sent to

Captn Young and Lieu^{t} Johnson, and that they be Severally required to carry the Same into immediate execution.

Also ordered, That a Copy of the Said Resolve and the above orders be delivered to General Howe and that it be recommended to him to place a Guard of the Continental Troops belonging to this State to occupy the above mentioned Battery, such Guards to receive orders for the particular conduct in the Said Battery from the civil authority of this State.

It being represented to this Board that Nicholas Vinzant and some of his Brothers, also William Love, Jo^{s} Johnson, Jno Johnson, Geo Wilds, Chas Hall, Jno Love, Jones Cook & Geo Webb, who are (as at is said) at present Rangers in the Florida Scout have left behind them in this State Several Stocks of Cattle in the County of Effingham—

It is Ordered That the Commanding Officer of the Militia in the Said County of Effingham be required without delay to draft and detach a party of men to take possession of and Secure the Said Cattle and that they be drove into Some interiour and more safe place, and that an inventory be taken of them and that they be put under the care of some trusty person or persons by the said Commanding Officer who will when thereunto required render a faithful account and deliver the Same over as Shall be hereafter directed by this Board or the Honorable house of Assembly.

Ordered That the Treasurers pay to Chesley Bostick Esquire thirty nine pounds fifteen Shillings for fifty three days attendance in Council.

Charles McKay who commands a party of men for the purpose of guarding the Magazine at Ebenezer represented to the Board that out of twelve men which he had on duty four have left him and that the remainder refuse to Serve any longer as the sum allowed them for pay & Rations is not Sufficient to maintain them being only two Shillings and four pence half penny per day

and says that if he was allowed at the rate of four pounds and ten Shillings for each man per month he believes he could raise his former compliment— That the Magazine is almost compleated and thinks that it would be proper to have a Small Guard house erected near it, as it is a considerable distance from any house where the Guard can stay.

Ordered That it be recommended to the honorable house of Assembly to make such augmentation to the pay of the Guard at Ebenezer as may be thought Sufficient, and also to direct that a house be erected for the accommodation of the Said Guard.

Tuesday 23d February 1778

The Board met

present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	William Maxwell
Charles Crawford	Samuel Miller
John Fulton	John Keebler
Jenkin Davis	John Lindsay

Nathaniel polhill waited on the Board and qualified as Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Effingham.

Edward Davis also qualified as Register of probates for the said County.

Colonel John Sandiford having signified his resignation of his Commission as Colonel of the Militia of Liberty County to his Honor

It is Ordered That Lieut Colonel John Elliott be required

to convene the Officers of the said County and to proceed to the election of a Colonel in the room of the said John Sandiford as soon as possible and should an Officer of the Militia of the said County be elected whereby any other vacancy will be occasioned, then to proceed at the Same time to all other elections that will be necessary so as to make the said corpse complete and to report the proceedings herein without delay.

The following was agreed to.

Whereas the frequent robberies and other enormities committed in the Town of Savannah and the Environs thereof by persons in disguise who are suspected of being or acting in concert with the Florida Scout make it absolutely necessary to adopt Such measures in the police of the said places. And Whereas it appears to this Board that the most likely method of detecting the perpetrators of these crimes, will be by putting the Said town and Environs under the following regulations until otherwise ordered by this Board or the Legislative authority of this State.

First. That a town Major shall be appointed by this Board, whose duty shall be every Morning to fix upon a Countersign and to send the same inclosed in a Sealed paper to the Governor or other Commander in Chief for the time being—the General or other Commanding Officer in Town of the Continental Troops—the two persons appointed to sit as herein after mentioned but not to give or send the same to any other person whatsoever unless it be Doctors of repute who are well known when they Shall apply for the same; And the said Town Major shall further do as is herein after mentioned.

Second. That all Strangers who come to Town from any other State shall immediately wait on the Governor or other Commander in Chief for the time being and shall give an account of themselves, and if they fail herein, or if any person is seen in, or—About the Town and environs and is not known

as a reputable Inhabitant of the State, Any Constable shall take him before the Town Major who shall examine him and under circumstances either discharge him or report him to the Governor or other Commanding Officer in Chief, in Town for the time being as a Suspicious person.

Third That twenty respectable inhabitants shall be warned by this Board, two of them shall met and sit by rotation in some convenient house in Town every night from nine O Clock until day break for the purpose herein after mentioned

Fourth that after nine O Clock at night and until Day break every person whatsoever Passing the Streets shall be brought to, by the Several Centinels in Town and the environs and in case he cannot give the countersign—Shall be kept prisoner until the parole comes round, when he shall be carried by them (if not a Soldier) to the two inhabitants above mentioned appointed to sit and shall under circumstances be by them either discharged or committed to the Guard until morning and then reported to the Governor or other Commander in Chief in Town for the time being.

Fifth, That the Town Major shall keep a list of the twenty persons above mentioned and shall every morning inform the two whose turn it is to sit that night of the Countersign and any orders which may be issued by the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being.

The Board appointed William Stephens Esqr Town Major who accepted of the said Office and the following twenty Inhabitants to Sit as aforesaid

Captain Wright	Edward Davies
Ja^{s} Habersham	John McCluer
William OBryen	Joseph Clay
Colonel Martin	Thomas Stone
John Wereat	Colonel Walton
John Milledge	Major Wylly

George Houstoun	Samuel Stirk
William Jones	Willm McIntosh
Nehemiah Wade	Ja^{s} Whitefield
Ja^{s} Jackson	Thomas Ross

Wednesday the 25: 1778

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	Chas Kent
William Maxwell	John Fulton
David Lewis	John Keebler
Jenkin Davis	Charles Crawford

The following resolves were received the House of Assembly

House of Assembly Feby 10, 1778

Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be requested to direct the pay master of the two Battalions of Minute men to pay the Officers and men belonging thereto the amount of their pay agreeable to their several pay rolls and to take their respective receipts for the same provided the Original Tests are produced to the said pay Master to prove the time of their enlistments and of their being enlisted agreeable to the resolve for raising the said Battalions.

Extract from the Minutes

J^{s} Wood Junr Clerk

The House of Assembly having discharged the Company of

men raised for a Guard over the powder Magazine at Ebenezer It is Ordered That Colonel Jack be directed to station an Officer and twelve men out of Captain Moore's Company of Minute Men at that place— the Continental Troops having marched Southwardly.

ORDERED, That a Copy of the Resolve of the House of Assembly dated February 19th 1778 respecting the Powder Magazine at Ebenezer, and the Guard placed at the same be transmitted by the Secretary of this Board to Charles Mc Kay, who is appointed Keeper of the said Magazine.

It being represented to this board that the arms of the minute men are in very bad order and that proper persons at or near their respective Stations may be got to repair the same It is Ordered that Colonel Jack and Colonel Stewart be directed to employ proper persons for their business and upon Certificates from the said Colonel Jack and Col Stewart to such person this Board will procure them payment.

Upon application of the Secretary of this board It is ordered that the Secretary of the State do receive the fees allowed the former by Law from all persons entering Caveats.

ORDERED, That the Commissary General be directed to make Enquiry whether the Scout Boat which before the revolution was in the Service of this State (then province) can be got up— And if so that he employ proper persons for the business, and also the repairs of the said Boat at the public Charge

Friday 27th February 1778

The Board met

Present

His honor the President

John Lindsay
David Lewis
Samuel Miller
John Keebler
Jenkin Davis.

ORDERED That the Treasurers pay to Charles Crawford Esquire, Thirty pounds ten Shillings being the ballance due for his attendance as a Councillor

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to the following persons the Several Sums of Money Viz^t John Lindsay fifty Seven pounds, Samuel Miller forty one pounds, Jenkin Davis forty three pounds David Lewis fifty Seven pounds and John Keebler fifty four pounds for their attendance in Council

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March 4th 1778—

The Board met

present

His honor the President

John Fulton
Holman Freeman
John Lindsay
Samuel Miller
Jenkin Davis

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to David Alexander the

Sum of Sixteen pounds for riding express from Colonel McMurphy to this Honor the Governor

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to Holman Freeman Sixty four pounds for Sixty four days attendance in Council.

Thursday 5th March 1778

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	John Fulton
Jenkin Davis	John Lindsay
Samuel Miller	

ORDERED, That Captain Jenkin Davis detach a Sergeant and twelve Men out of his Company of Militia to Guard the Magazine at Ebenezer until they Shall be relieved by Captain Moore's Company Of Minute men who are ordered thither—

ORDERED That Colonel John Elliott of Liberty County detach a party of Militia consisting of twenty five Men to intercept a parcel of Cattle which are said to be somewhere on the Alatamaha driving off by the Florida Scout And that Thomas Gray act as pilot Provided if a sufficient number of Volunteers can be immediately raised to go upon this business then there will be no occasion to make such Draft.

A talk was sent up to the Indians under Cover to Colonel McMurphy—(See the Copy of the Same.)

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to Thomas Gray fifty pounds for his activity in pursuing the Florida Scout and that

a Captains Commission be made out to him with the pay thereof agreeable to the resolve of Assembly dated February 28th 1778.—

ORDERED That the Treasurers pay to Job pray Esqr three hundred and Eighty Six pounds Eleven Shillings and four pence being a Sum due him as found by the Commissioners of Trade pursuant to a reference from Assembly, for outfits &c of the State Sloop Revenge (See the orders and other Vouchers with the Treasurers)

Monday 9th March 1778.

The Board met

present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	John Fulton
John Lindsay	Charles Kent

ORDERED That copies of the resolves of the Assembly dated Sunday March 1st 1778 for disbanding the Minute Battalions and two Troops of Horse upon the State Establishment for raising five independent Companies out of the same under Major Commandant Jeremiah Wilder, for auditing the accounts of the Commissaries of the minute Battalions for obliging Officers of the five independent Companies to take the oath of abjuration— be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of this Board to Colonels Jack and Stewart and Colonel Coleman also the Commissaries— Major Wilder and all others concerned and that they be Severally required to govern themselves agreeable to the Same

ORDERED That A Copy of the resolve of Assembly dated

Sunday March 1st 1778 requesting the Commanding Officer of the Continental Troops in this State to issue orders to Colonel Marbury to repair with his Battalion of Light horse to the defence of the frontiers of the State be immediately transmitted to Major General Howe and that it be recommended to give orders accordingly— finished

ORDERED That a copy of the resolve of the Assembly dated Sunday last requiring the Commanding Officer of the Continental Troops in this State to transmit to the Governor regular accounts of the expenditure of all Sum or Sums of Money advanced by this State for the Support of the said Troops according to the regulation of Congress, be also transmitted to Major General Howe. finished

ORDERED That the resolves of Assembly dated Sunday March 1st 1778 requiring all persons within this State of the age of Sixteen or upward to take the Oath of affirmation of abjuration who have not already done so before some one of five Magistrates within the County to which such persons belong be forthwith published in the Gazette of this State and that the Magistrates be as follows.

For the County of Chatham William O Bryen, John Jenkins, Henry Cuyler, James Maxwell Henry Bourquine Esqrs

For the County of Liberty, Parmenas Way John Graves, John Mitchell Samuel Salters and John Jones Esquires.

For the County of Effingham, John A Treutlen Willm Holzendorf Jacob Waltour Abram Ravot and Daniel Bunnell Esquires.

For the County of Burke, John Thomas, Edward Telfair, Daniel McMurphey, John Jones and Blessingham Harvey.

For the County of Wilkes William Don Charles Jordan Arthur Fort Richard Aycock and Daniel Burrell

For the County of Richmond John Walton Dionysius Wright

Charles Crawford Samuel Alexander and James Bowie. finishd

ORDERED In pursuance of a resolve of the house of Assembly dated March 1st 1778 That Luke Mann be appointed Commissary to purchase and issue provisions to the five independent Companies under the command of Major Wilder

ORDERED That the Treasurers advance two hundred pounds to Major Wilder to enable him to raise and equip his five companies of men taking his receipt promising to be accountable for the expenditure of the same

ORDERED That Col Farrel deliver to Major Wilder for the Use of his five Companies two large Kettles or pots lately purchased by the said Colonel Farrel at public charge for the Minute Battalions and that all the Officers of those Battalions deliver over to the Said Major Wilder any Articles or Utensils which they may have in their possession respectively belonging to the public and which will answer for the said five independent Companies.

ORDERED That the Commissary General of this State do provide Camp Kettles sufficient to Serve two hundred and fifty men, also one hundred Stand of Arms if the same can be had— That he have the said Kettles and arms in readiness but not to be delivered out but by order of the Governor— Also That the Treasurers advance him Such Sum of money as will be necessary for this purpose taking his receipt for the Same.

ORDERED That Major Wilders Commission be immediately delivered to him and that he do endeavor to have enlisted Men who are provided with Arms, but if they Should not all be so, that he make report as soon as possible to the Governor of what arms and other necessaries are really wanting for his Companies, that he issue in orders that the Captains under shall take rank as they shall fill their Companies and repair to such place within the State as the Major shall appoint; And that the

said Several Captains do as soon as possible recommend two fit persons for..... Lieutenants under them respectively to the Governor And it is further Ordered that Major Wilder do as soon as possible after they are raised march four Companies of his Men Southerly as far as the Alatamaha River and there wait the orders of the Governor leaving one Company in the Ceded Lands at Such Stations as he shall judge most fit.

Resolved That in future any person being a friend to the cause of America who will raise a Company of fifteen men or upwards as Volunteers to go along with him and who will bind themselves to do so under their Hands and produce such paper to the Governor shall be entitled to a roving Commission into and against the provinces of East & West Florida and all plunder they shall take upon Condemnation agreeable to Law shall belong to themselves in such proportions as they shall agree upon.

And if any Number of persons are disposed to go and Seat themselves upon the valuable Land between St Marys and St John's River in East Florida and will keep constant possession of the same for the Space of three months this Board are persuaded (and will strongly recommend) that the next house of Assembly will allow to each of them a Grant of five hundred acres of such Land as a bounty provided such persons have acted as friends to the cause of America.

Ordered, That the Commissary General in Savannah and the Commissioners of Trade in Sunbury be directed to dispose of what public salt they have in their Hands respectively to the Inhabitants of this State at the rate of a peck a head to each one in Family for the Sum of twenty Shillings per bushel the Said Commissary General first laying by and reserving for public use five hundred bushels of the Same Provided nevertheless and it is an instruction to the said Commissary and Commissioners that they deliver no Salt to any persons whatso-

ever unless he shall make oath before a Magistrate that he hath not within one year last past received any public Salt upon the head right which he then applies for.

ORDERED That the Commissary General do deliver to Co[l] A. E. Wells as a Commissioner in behalf of the Inhabitants of Effingham County thirty bushels of Salt at the price above mentioned— Col Wells engaging to deliver the Same out agreeable to the above mentioned regulation

A proclamation for the encouragement of Trade be sent to different foreign ports was agreed to (See a Copy of the same)

A proclamation to prevent the practice of running the Indian Lands was also agreed to—See Copy of the Same.

ORDERED That a Continental Commission as Major of the fourth Battalion be filled up and delivered to John Skey Eustace agreeable to his appointment by the House of Assembly.—

Monday March 9th 1778

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	John Fulton
John Lindsay	Charles Kent

ORDERED That a Commission as Linguist to the Indians be made out and delivered to Moses Nunes he having formerly had one for a year which is expired— and that the Salerry to him be left to the house of Assembly.

Tuesday March 10th 1778

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	Charles Kent
John Fulton	John Lindsay

Ordered That a list of the Magistrates for the different Counties within this State be published in the Gazette and that Commissions do issue directed to two Magistrates who have already qualified in the Several Counties (except Chatham) in order to qualify the other Magistrates in the Said Counties.

And that the several Magistrates in the County of Chatham who have not yet qualified do forthwith attend the Governor in Council in order to qualify.

Friday March 13, 1778

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

John Fulton.	Jenkin Davis
John Lindsay.	Charles Kent

In pursuance of an Act of the honorable the Continental Congress It is Ordered That all Constables and other the Well affected Inhabitants of this State do in future apprehend and Secure all persons being Strangers in the Same whose Character and business are not well known and approved of or

who shall not have a pass from the Governor or other sufficient Voucher from the State from which Such persons come and that any two Magistrates of the County where such persons shall be apprehended do upon examination either discharge or send them under proper Guard to the Governor as Circumstances may require— there being great reason to Suspect that the Emissaries of our Enemies have frequently passed thro' the State or some of them in disguise Provided Nevertheless that if such Strangers shall be apprehended in the Town of Savannah or the Environs thereof that then they be carried in the first instance before the town Major agreeable to the regulations of Council of the twenty fourth of last month.

Resolved, That John Martin Esquire be appointed Town Major in the room of William Stephens Esquire who is gone upon the Circuit and that the said town Major instead of giving out the Countersign as directed by the Regulation of Council of the twenty fourth of last Month do each day receive the Same from the Governor or other Commander in Chief for the time being in Savannah— It is futher ordered that Joseph Wood Junior be appointed to sit for the purposes mentioned in the said Regulation in the room of the said John Martin, And that in Case any of the twenty persons named in the said regulations shall decline or by any means not attend to sit as thereby required that the said town Major Shall appoint other well known Inhabitants in their room.

Whereas great inconveniences have arisen to the Gallies from the large number of persons requisite to form a Board called the Navy Board for the purpose of passing accounts and otherwise providing for the Said Gallies. And Whereas it appears from the representation of the Commodore that such delays have happened in that department owing to the Said Cause, that the Service is greatly distressed, and at this particular juncture the same may be attended with the Most alarming events to the Safety and well being of this State the Men being dissatisfied for want of pay, some of them having deserted and other Cir-

cumstances taken place which call for immediate remedy. It is Therefore Ordered under the particular situation of things that in future and until the next house of Assembly shall meet and shall make farther order to the Contrary that any two or more members of the Said Board called the Navy board shall proceed to Act and in all things be competent to the business of the said Board. this order not to prevent any or the whole of the Members of the said Board from attending & acting if they shall so chuse.

Whereas it hath been represented to this Board that some inconveniences have arisen from the Officers of different States recruiting generally together in this State It is Therefore Ordered, that in future no Officer whatsoever who is not in the Service of or Stationed in this State be permitted to recruit or enlist men within the same without leave for that purpose first had and obtained from the Governor or other Commander in Chief of this State for the time being.

Whereas it appears to this Board by two Letters from Colonel Elliott of the eighth and eleventh instant that Several of the men belonging to his regiment have refused to march agreeable to their draft in pursuance of an order of the fifth instant from this Board It is Therefore Ordered that Colonel Elliott be required to proceed against all and every such Person and persons who have or hath refused as aforesaid in manner as directed by the several resolves and regulations of this State for the better government of the Militia, And that he make a new Draft and continue drafting and fining such as refuse until he shall get a Sufficient number to March upon the business mentioned in the said order of the fifth Instant.

Ordered That Colonel Andrew Elton Wells of Effingham County do appear before this board on Monday next and shew cause why the order of the day of last directed to him respecting the Cattle and other Stock of certain persons

who are said to be in the Florida Scout hath not been carried into execution.

Mr Fulton a member having informed the board that Thomas Little who was appointed a Magistrate by the house of Assembly for the County of Burke had declined acting it is therefore ordered upon the recommendation of the said Mr Fulton that John McNeilly be appointed in the room of the said Thomas Little.

Wednesday March 18, 1778.

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	John Fulton
Jenkin Davis	John Lindsay.

The following proposition and recommendation to the Commissioners of forfeited Estates in the County of Chatham was agreed to and sent to the said Commissioners (Vizt)

The Governor in Council proposes and recommends to the Gentlemen Commissioners of forfeited Estates for the County of Chatham the following matters

First That one of the plantations adjoining the Town of Savannah which belonged to Sir James Wright be set aside and reserved for public use until the next meeting of Assembly and that the same be delivered Over to the Commissary General.

Second That forty or fifty of the best Horses which can be got from the forfeited Estates together with all the Waggons—

Carts and Harness and also the Saddles and bridles on the Same be also delivered over to the Commissary General for public use until the next meeting of Assembly.

Third. That two hundred Barrels of clean and Some rough rice— also a quantity in the Straw together with what Indian Corn there may be on the three plantations adjoining the town and also from fifty to one hundred Steers to be brought from any of the forfeited Estates be also delivered over to the Commissary General for public Use.

The Governor in Council thinks the foregoing Articles absolutely necessary to be reserved for public use, and if there should be any other Small articles which will be of service to the public and which perhaps cannot be conveniently bought he thinks the Commissioners ought to reserve them till the next meeting of the Assembly and they will determine whether they shall be Sold or not. The Governor in Council will give orders to the Commissary to consider the plantation reserved as a *Magazine* and to remove whatever the Commissioners may chuse to reserve *there,* Subject to his order until the meeting of the Assembly. He will also place a Guard *there* for the Security of what may be left and suggests to the Commissioners whether it may not also be necessary to reserve two or three Sensible boys to take care of the Horses, Cattle &c on the Plantation. No inconvenience can arise from these reserves as the Commissary will give his receipt for what he receives, and the Assembly may still have the articles (or such of them as remain) sold if they chuse when they next meet. The Governor in Council also recommend that one of the Plantations late belonging to Sir James Wright on Ogeechee be also reserved for the same purpose as the one near Savannah, or at least that the Sale of the Said Plantation on Ogeechee be postponed until the next meeting of the Assembly when if it appears that the said Plantation will be necessary to be reserved for public use, the Same may be done, if otherwise it may then be Sold.

ORDERED That the Officer commanding the party of Captain Moores men Stationed at the Magazine in Ebenezer do for the present and until a Commissary for that purpose shall be appointed supply the said party of Men with rations agreeable to the rates allowed by the Assembly.

Colonel Wells having attended the Board agreeable to the order of the thirteenth instant and acquainted them that he had issued his orders to Major Bonnell for carrying the order of the 19. of last Month into execution by the first opportunity after he had received the Same: it is ordered That Major Bonnel do attend this Board on Monday Seven night next being the thirtieth day of this Instant March to shew Cause why he hath not carried the said order from Colonel Wells into execution— and Whereas it hath been represented to this Board that the said Major Bonnel did in a late pursuit against the Florida Scout, to wit, on or about the fifth day of January last behave in a Cowardly or disaffected manner: It is ordered That the said Major Bonnell do on the said day answer for the Same before this Board and if he can justify himself And further that Colonel Wells Captain Jenkin Davis Archibald Patterson and Thomas Oxford do attend on the said day to Support the said Charges against the said Major Bonnel and if there are any Witnesses in behalf of the said Major Bonnell he is required to have them before this Board on the day aforesaid—

It being represented to this Board that Rhuben Roberts late an Inhabitant of this State who was enlisted and Serving in the Florida Scout and who being taken prisoner lately broke Goal and made his escape from Sunbury is now lurking about the County of Effingham it is Ordered that all Officers of the Militia Justices of the peace, and Constables and all others the well affected Inhabitants of this State do Use their utmost endeavors to apprehend and Secure the said Rhuben Roberts and commit him to safe Custody so that he may be brought to condign punishment.

Thursday March 19th 1778—

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Wylly.	Jenkin Davis
John Fulton	John Lindsay

The Governor and council having appointed Luke Mann Esquire Commissary of Supplies for the five independent Companies of Foot under Major Wilder the said Luke Mann agrees to find them upon the following Terms for the Space of Six Months.

First, The said Luke Mann engages to have a Supply of Provisions to wit junked or dried Beef and clean rice sufficient to last for one month always on hand for the Said Troops on his Plantation on Ogeechee— he will also constantly keep Some Steers ready for them at the Said place to be killed as shall be requisite and will likewise use his utmost endeavors to procure Corn flower and also Pork for the Said Troops so as at times to vary their diet

Second That the said Luke Mann will always deliver out to the Men upon the Major's Certificate or order either live Cattle or Dried Beef and rice or Corn Flower and Pork if to be had sufficient to last for one Month or such Shorter time as shall be directed at his said Plantation on Ogeechee that is to say he will deliver such a Number of Rations as shall be ordered for the said Space of time or live Cattle Sufficient to meet the same with Rice or flower and will keep a fair and regular account thereof So that no company draw more rations than they are entitled to.

Third The said Luke Mann will furnish or procure Live

Cattle hogs, rice and also Corn flower if to be had at as cheap a rate as he possibly can and will have the same conveyed to his Plantation aforesaid without any expence to the Public—a quantity of beef and also Pork if to be had sufficient to enable him to comply with the foregoing clauses, he will immediately or from time to time have killed, cured and dried or junked at his own trouble and expence.

Fourth That the said Luke Mann will charge the public exactly what the beef pork rice and flower cost him and no other Commission or advance whatever except his Wages as herein after mentioned. And in case it shall at any time be necessary for any party or detachment of Men to carry a travelling Commissary with them, the said Luke Mann will find one at the public charge who shall procure and furnish upon the same footing as before mentioned the public paying the Charge or driving the Cattle And in case any unavoidable accident of loss to the provision or Horses carried out by such travelling Commissary, the same shall fall on the public.

In Consideration of the foregoing Agreement the public shall pay the said Luke Mann at and after the rate of thirty pounds Georgia Currency per Month for his trouble in procuring and supplying as before mentioned and shall furnish him with Cash monthly if desired to enable him to purchase on public account the Articles beforementioned— The Public Shall also find Salt for curing the said Beef and Pork.

Ordered That the Treasurers advance to Luke Mann Esquire five hundred pounds to enable him to provide the Articles before mentioned, And the Commissary General furnish him with fifty bushels Salt out of the Store at Ogeechee on public account. The said Treasurers & Commissary respectively taking the said Luke Mann's receipt to be accountable for the expenditure of the said Money and Salt.

Ordered That the Commissary General do furnish the said

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Luke Mann with a pair of Quern Stones fit for grinding Corn into flower for the Use of the five independent Companies taking his receipt to be accountable for the Same.

ORDERED That the said Commissary General be directed to Reserve one hundred bushels Salt out of the quantity now in the Store at Ogeechee (over and above what has lately been ordered to be reserved) for the use of the said five independent Companies That he cause the Same to be barrell'd up and put in some Secure place at Ogeechee but not to be delivered out but by order of the Governor in Council.

ORDERED That the prohibition upon the exportation of Salt from this State be continued for three months longer unless otherwise ordered within that time by this Board

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Tuesday the 24 March 1778

Present— his honor the Governor

William Maxwell	John Fulton
Jenkin Davis	John Lindsay
Samuel Miller	

The Governor and Council having been present at the fire on Sunday Evening desire on behalf of the State to make their warmest acknowledgements to all the Citizens and Soldiers who were drawn together upon that occasion by their ready and great exertions in extinguishing the fire which seemed for a time to threaten the whole town with ruin— and they desire in a most particular manner to return their thanks to Captain Walker of the Light Horse, Mr Wheeler Captain Bonner, Mr Harrison Mr Mitchelson and Mr Jacques, for their most Surprising Efforts and undaunted Conduct in stopping the progress of the flames. To the unparrelled activity and exertions of these Gentlemen

may, under God, be ascribed the Salvation of the Court House and consequently of a great part if not the whole of the Town

ORDERED That a quarter Cask of Rum and a barrel of Beer be given to the Soldiers of the third and fourth Battalions for their Services in extinguishing the fire on Sunday Night

A Petition of John Jamieson Esqr being laid before the Board praying leave to return and remain for a Short time in order to Settle his private concerns in this State.

RESOLVED That the name of the said John Jamieson being inserted in the act of attainder and Confiscation passed by the last Assembly the power of this board to interfere in regard to the Merits of the said Petition is done away. And this board do not find by any words in the said Act they have the least right, were they so disposed to grant any Indulgence whatsoever of the nature which is prayed for.

ORDERED That the following Instructions be given to the keepers of the Magazines in Savannah and Ebenezer respectively.

You are to be vigilent and attentive in the care of the Magazine and powder committed to your Charge— to have the same properly placed so as to prevent it receiving the damage from the Weather or otherwise to have it frequently turned and looked at and if at any time the Casks or Kegs want Coopering or if the powder requires new ones to have the same done at the public Charge. you are also to give an Eye to the Guard placed at the said Magazine and if at any time you observe any remissness or negligence in them, to make immediate report thereof to the Governor. In short you are with the utmost exactness and fidelity to do every thing which appears Necessary for preserving, taking care of and Securing the said Magazine and the Powder therein contained.

And you are not to deliver out any of the said Powder to

any persons whatsoever without a written order from the Governor or in his absence from the President of the Council.

ORDERED That the Treasurers pay Charles M^c^Kay one hundred and Six pounds ten Shillings being the amount of his pay and that of his men hired for taking Care of the Magazine at Ebenezer up to the time of their being disbanded as appears by vouchers lodged in the Treasury

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Tuesday March 25. 1778

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	William Maxwell	Esq^rs^
Charles Kent	Jenkin Davis	
John Fulton	Samuel Miller	
John Lindsay	.....	

ORDERED That the Colonel of the Militia of the County of Chatham do direct the several Captains of the Companies under him to make regular returns from the Alarm lists of the men belonging to their Companies respectfully & that the said Colonel do furnish William Belcher Esqre tax Collector for the said County with the Same as soon as he shall Receive it, and that this be done on or before the first day of April next.

The Governor desired the advice and opinion of the Council upon the following points.

First Whether he should proceed to the signing and passing of Grants for Lands within the district commonly called the new Ceded Lands

The Council were divided in opinion; two Counties for, two against and one divided, the question was therefore postponed for the present.

Second Whether he should proceed to the signing and passing of Grants for Lands within other parts of the State.

The Council were unanimously of opinion that he ought to proceed to the signing and passing of such Grants as soon as the form thereof shall be prepared by the Attorney General and approved of by this board.

Ordered That William Belcher Esquire Commissioner for the Indian Trade do furnish four Indians whose names shall be given in to him by Mr Nunes with a blanket a shirt a pair of boots and a flap to each and charge the Same to public account. And that the Commissary do furnish them with powder and ball at the rate of a pound and an half of the former and three pounds of the Latter to each—and also with provision of Rice and beef or pork whilst they shall stay in Town likewise a Gallon of rum and some Tobacco. the said Indians having been for four Months past upon a Scouting party with Capt Gray and having rendered some Services against the florida Scout. And It Is Further Ordered that the said Moses Nunes who is Linguist to the Said Indians do in future keep a regular account of the names of all such Indians as shall receive presents in Town and of the Articles so delivered to them. It Is Further Ordered that the said Commissary General do furnish Mr Nunes with a Gun to be by him delivered to the Indian who assisted in taking Roberts and a nother of the Florida Scout lately— And that Mr Nunes do inform such Indian that the Gun is given as an acknowledgement for his Services.

Ordered That a Commission be filled up to Captain Benjamin Walker of the Light Horse & John Morel Esqr as first Lieut of the said Troop to bear date and run agreeable to their appointment by the Assembly.

William Belcher Commissioner for the Indian affairs having Supplied certain Catawba Indians with Goods to the amount of one hundred and thirteen pounds Seven Shillings and eight pence for Services done to the State

It is Ordered That the said sum be allowed the said William Belcher in his public Account.

ORDERED That Samuel Stirk be appointed to Sign the money ordered by the House of Assembly to call in the reconciliation Money in the room of Andrew Elton Wells Deceased—

ORDERED That John Daniel Hammerer be appointed a Magistrate for the County of Chatham in the room of Isaac Young Esqr deceased.

ORDERED, That the Commissioners for the Town of Savannah do forthwith cause to be repaired and put in good order the public Wells in the said Town and that they do in other respects pay strict attention to their duty as Commissioners.

The following was received from the Auditors appointed by the Honorable House of Assembly for auditing the public accounts and requested the Advice of the Governor and Council thereon.

Auditors Office Savannah March 24. 1778

The Board of Auditors appointed by the resolve of the honorable the House of Assembly the first day of this Instant beg leave to lay before his Honor the Governor and Council the following query relative to some doubts which occur to the Board in Auditing divers receipts which have been delivered by Treasurers as vouchers for large Sums of money paid out of the Treasury of this State

Whether the Board can audit receipts to the Treasurers for money paid by them to any persons without the express order

and direction of the Legislative or executive powers of this State?

Jos. Wood Junr } Auditors
John Gibbons— }

The Board conceive the Auditors of accounts are answerable to the honorable the House of Assembly for their conduct in this business: But Nevertheless give it as their opinion that no drafts upon the Treasury of this State are regular but Such as come from the Legislative or Executive Bodies of the same or shall be derived from their order or authority.

Ordered. That the persons appointed by resolve of Convention dated the Eleventh day of December one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Six be required with the utmost expedition to complete the Battery and other public Works in Sunbury pursuant to the directions of the said resolve.

Ordered That the Secretary of this Board do furnish Captain Mann the Commissary of Supplies for the five Independent Companies of foot under Major Wilder with a particular account of the Rations to which the men belonging to the said Companies are intitled being the same as the minute Men drew: And that the said Commissary in particular ceases when the men shall be So Stationed upon the Southern frontiers that they cannot conveniently fetch their provisions from his plantation that he do at public charge send the same to them, at their respective stations.

Friday the 3d April 1778

Present

His Honor the Governor

John Fulton
Jenkin Davis
John Lindsay
William Maxwell
Richard Wylly.

WHEREAS it appears to this Board that there is a body of Land lying in the fork between the River Ogeechee and the Beaver Dam Creek which was not prior to the Revolution allowed by Government to be run for fear of bringing on a dispute with the Indians the matter not being clearly ascertained whether the Same is within our Lines or not: And whereas it would be impolitic and improper at this particular juncture to suffer any act to be done which might be deemed by the Indians an infringement upon their Lands And some persons have not withstanding run and marked out the lines of some Tracts within that body:— It Is Therefore Ordered that for the present and until further orders no Grant do pass to any person or persons whatsoever for any Land lying within that Fork and that no deputy Surveyor do without leave presume to run any more of Such Land lying and being within the fork aforesaid.

ORDERED That in future when Caveats against the passing of Grants shall be entered the same Shall be under the following regulations in regard to the hearing and determining of them.

First. They Shall be heard on the day for which they stand advertised when both the parties attend either by themselves or others.

Second They shall be heard exparte and judgment Shall be awarded from what appears to the Board in nature of an enquiry (having been duly advertised) when only one of the par-

ties attend unless a Sufficient excuse by Affidavit Shall be made for the other in which case the Caveat shall be postponed.

Third Where neither party shall attend they shall be postponed, if the first time, & discharged if the Second time.

WHEREAS from the representation of Colonel Elliott and other Gentlemen of Liberty County it appears that an Indian commonly called Indian Johny hath been for a long time unjustly imprisoned and that the said fellow hath always acted as a friend to us and hath Several times gone out in the Service of this Country: And Whereas it also appears that during the said Fellows Imprisonment he lost all his Cattle & Horses consisting in all of near twenty head besides a number of other articles It Is Therefore Resolved That the said Indian Johny be Allowed fifty pounds in lieu of and in full for his Cattle and other things which he lost; And also as a Compensation for his false imprisonment that the Treasurers do pay the Same to Mr Nunes to be by him delivered to the said Indian.

ORDERED That the powder receiver in Savannah deliver to William Belcher Esqr Agent for Indian Supplies one hundred Wt of Lead and fifty Wt of powder— the same to be returned by the said William Belcher or otherwise accounted for with the public.

Edward Davies Esqr having informed the Board that he had in his hands a quantity of Gun powder (to wit above five hundred pounds) belonging to a person in Charles Town for Sale.

RESOLVED That the Same be purchased for public use if it can be got upon reasonable terms— That Major Wylly & John Fulton Esqrs be a Committee to make the said purchase and that the Governor (if the same shall be made) do give an order on the treasury for the amount thereof agreeable to the report of the said Committee.

ORDERED That John Storr Esqr be appointed a Commissioner of Trade in the room of Andrew Elton Wells Esqr dec'd for the port of Savannah.

ORDERED That Sheraud de Longig be appointed Second Lieutenant of the Congress Galley there being a Vacancy of the said place and that this resolve Serve as a Commission for the present

WHEREAS it appears to this Board that Joseph Pannill Esqr hath ever since the Seventeenth day of September last past acted Major to the Second Regiment of foot within this State but hath not as yet received his Commission— And Whereas this board approving of the conduct of the said Joseph pannill do direct that a Continental Commission be filled up to him bearing date on the Said Seventeenth day of September last past he having ever since that time done the duty of a Major.

ORDERED, That Mr Nunes do procure from Wm Belcher Esqr and the Commissary General the Several Articles mentioned in a list which has been agreed to, by this Board—and that he do deliver the same to the King of the Tocabatichers and the rest of the Indians who are now down as presents from the State— A talk was delivered in Council to the said Indians and Copies thereof sent up to Mr Galphin and Colonel McMurphey

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to John Oneal thirty five pounds in Lieu of that Sum by him lost in a fire he having made Affidavit thereof & lodged the same in the Treasury—pursuant to a Resolve of the house of Assembly dated September the Eleventh 1777

The Board taking into Consideration the Situation of the Gallies and the bad provision of pay and necessaries that has hither to been made for them— A question was propounded "Upon what establishment are the said Gallies and to whose authority are they Subject."

It Was Resolved. First.—That the said Gallies were originally undertaken and intended to be kept up on the establishment of this State for the express purpose of protecting and defending the Rivers inlets and Plantations within the Same. Secondly. That afterwards Congress for a variety of reasons adopted them upon the Continental Establishment but did not in the least vary or alter the Intention or design of the said original undertaking, and therefore in the opinion of Council they must be Considered as a General Charge for a particular purpose— Consequently they ought to be directed in their operations by those for whose benefit they were raised, to wit— the Inhabitants of this State. Under this view and more especially as the Commodore and all the Officers of the said Gallies hold their appointments, and are removeable, by this State the Council are clearly of opinion that altho' the whole charge of the said Gallies will go as a part of the quota of this State to the General cause, yet that the Commodore and all the other Officers of the said Gallies are absolutely Subject to the orders of the Executive authority of this State and not to those of any Continental Officer whatsoever of the Land forces within the same.

Ordered That a copy of the foregoing resolution be delivered to Commodore Bowen and that he be required to issue the Same out in orders to the Captains or other Commanding Officers of the Several Gallies under him and if the said Commodore or any of the said Officers have any objection to the said resolution they are immediately to make the same known to this Board.

Resolved That Thomas Ross Esquire as heretofore act as pay-master to the Officers and men belonging to the said Gallies and that he be directed from time to time as the pay Rolls shall be delivered in to him, after being duly examined by the Navy Board to apply to the Governor for a draft upon the Treasury for money to answer the Same— And that the Treasurers

charge the money paid for the use of the said Gallies to the Debit of, or as a Loan to the Continent

Ordered That Commodore Bowen make a monthly return to the Governor of the Stations and Conditions of the Gallies under his Command also of the numbers of Men, and vacancies of the Officers to them respectively belonging And that he also from time make application to the Governor for what shall be wanting for the said Gallies and which the Navy board Shall not furnish And that he in every respect use his utmost endeavors to put the said Gallies upon the most respectable footing— And whereas it is evident that men will not be induced to enlist on board the said Gallies for the small wages which are at present allowed them and it is equally evident that the Safety of the State at this particular and alarming juncture will be in great measure dependent on the said Gallies And those reasons against enlisting men for the Land Service for a Shorter time than during the War do not hold in regard to the Sea Service It Is Therefore Ordered that in future and until the house of Assembly or this Board shall make further order to the contrary all and every able bodied man who shall be fit for the Gally Service and who shall inlist in the same shall over and above all former allowances be entitled to a bounty as herein after mentioned.

If for Six months	£ 5
If for one year L	10
If during the War	20

Whereas in times of impending danger and Calamity when the Enemy to our lives and Liberties is daily making ravages thro' our Country, it is right and necessary that the Militia be always kept in a State of readiness to repel every Sudden and hostile invasion thereof It Is Therefore Ordered that the Colonel or other Commanding Officer of the Battalion of militia belonging to Each County throughout the State be required immediately to cause elections to be held so as to fill up all

vacancies in the said regiments respectively that thereafter the Colonel cause to be had a General Muster as soon as possible and that at such general muster a draft be made of one third of the Regiment or Battalion who are to keep themselves in readiness to march and go out upon any scouting or other duty that may be requisite at an hours warning— And such duty shall be accordingly if necessary done by them—that at the expiration of a month another draft of one other third part take place, and so on to be continued throughout the Regiment until further orders— And It Is Further Ordered that the Colonels and all other Officers of the respective Regiments use their utmost endeavors by all Lawful ways and means to compel their Men to keep themselves always properly prepared for action and furnished with a few rounds of Cartridges and other necessaries in Case of an Alarm, and that this order be particularly attended to in regard to the Men who shall be under Draft as aforesaid.

Upon the Application of Major General Howe and by his recommendation as well as that of Colonel Elbert and Colonel White It Is Ordered that a Commission as Captain of a Company of Artillery upon the Continental Establishment for the defence of the State of Georgia in which there is a Vacancy as represented to the Board be filled up & delivered to Jean Pierre Andris Defaupeyret Esq[r] and that Johnson be appointed Captain Lieutenant and Thomas Sutton first Lieutenant of the said Company, and that Commissions be accordingly filled up and delivered to them respectively—

Tuesday April 7th 1778

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	John Fulton
John Lindsay	Charles Kent

WHEREAS there is great reason to apprehend some dangerous attempt is meditated against this State—many of the back inhabitants of South Carolina having passed over the River with a manifest intention of joining the Enemy in East Florida It is Therefore Ordered that the Militia throughout the State be immediately embodied—that a Draft of two thirds of each Battalion be immediately made and marched into Barracks or in pursuit of the Enemy as the Commanding Officer of the County from Circumstances shall judge advisable until further orders or if such Commanding Officer shall deem it necessary that he call out the whole of the said County Militia and that every measure be embraced to quell the present insurrection And it is Further Ordered that the Militia of Chatham County take the Guard in Savannah and that the Colonel or other Commanding Officer be required daily to furnish an Officer and twenty five men for that purpose.

RESOLVED—That an express be sent off to the president of South Carolina informing them of our alarming Situation and desiring their friendly assistance.

WHEREAS it appears that there is reason to apprehend an attempt by Sea is intended against the Town of Sunbury—Ordered that it be left to the discretion of the Commanding Officer in Liberty County whether to march the Militia with the Continental Troops, or to keep them for the defence of Sunbury—

Ordered That the said Commanding Officer draft a detachment sufficient to Mann the Gallies at Sunbury and that they go on board the same as Marines and that the Commanding Officer of the Gallies act in concert with the Officers of the said Militia this order Nevertheless to be left to the discretion of the said Commanding Officer of Liberty County who being on the spot will be better enabled to judge from circumstances

Ordered That 12 9^{lb} Cannon Shot be delivered out of the Arsenal for the use of Sunbury

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Monday 13, April 1778

Whereas the critical and alarming Situation of affairs in this State the want of money in the Treasury, the absolute necessity of making some vigorous exertions against the Enemy in Consequence of the present alarm and many other reasons make it necessary that the House of Assembly should be immediately called It is Therefore Resolved that the said House of Assembly be immediately called by Proclamation to meet at Augusta in the County of Richmond on Monday the twenty Seventh day of April Instant and that notice thereof be sent to the Several Counties by Express if no other opportunity offers.

Whereas in the present times of danger & alarm there appears to be an absolute necessity of forming two voluntier Companies of Militia,—the one of Horse and the other of Artillery—It is Therefore Ordered that two such Companies be immediately formed out of the Battalion of Chatham County at large without respect to persons who are inclined to enlist in the Same having been enrolled in any other Companies whatsoever unless it be in the Grenadier or Light Infantry's, and that Such companies be considered as a part of the Battalion of Militia of the said County and that they be Subject to the field Offi-

cers of the said Battalion but be totally independent of the other Companies. And it is Further Ordered that the establishment of the said Companies be as follows. for the Company or Troop of Horse—

1 Captain 1 Lieutenant 1 Cornet & 30 Privates

For the Company of Artillery

1 Captain 2 Lieutenants and thirty privates

And that such Companies continue until otherwise ordered by due authority. And be whilst they shall continue subject to the same fines and other regulations as other Militia save only that they are to be independent of the other Companies as before mentioned.

A Petition from two hundred and ninety two Inhabitants of the County of Chatham praying that the House of Assembly might be called being laid before them

Resolved That the House being already called the said Petition do lie on the table until the meeting of Assembly and that then the same to be laid before them.

The Treasury being in great want of money and the public Drafts in consequence of the present alarm daily increasing the Board recommend and propose to the Commissioners appointed by Assembly for the management of the State Lottery to lodge Such Monies as they have received by the Sale of Tickets in the Treasury and take out Treasury Certificates for the Same not making the least doubt but that the Treasury will be enabled to return the said money which may be so lodged whenever the Commissioners shall so require it and the Board promise to do all in their power to have this money returned whenever demanded

Ordered That a Copy of the above be sent to the s^d^ Commissioners

The Governor laid before the Board an Affidavit of Major Wilder respecting Colonel Thomas's behavior upon the late alarm and also his order in Consequence thereof and likewise some other Steps and measures which he had taken when he could not convene a Council (the members being out of Town) upon the late Emergency

Resolved That this Board do approve of the same and would have recommended the like measures had they been present

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Thursday, April 10, 1778

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	Samuel Miller
John Lindsay	John Fulton

In pursuance of an Act of Congress dated the 7th March 1778 It is ordered that Wednesday the twenty Second day of April Instant be observed as a day of fasting, prayer and humiliation throughout the State and a proclamation for that purpose was accordingly issued.

Whereas it is manifest the situation of this State is truly alarming and that without the most spirited and vigorous exertions the machinations of our Enemies threaten to Succeed.

And Whereas in such times of danger it may happen that every thing may depend upon instantanious measures being embraced which cannot be done should the Governor wait for calling a Council—And whereas it is not clear whether there is at

any time an absolute necessity for the Governor to act in Conjunction with the Council in Militia matters—the Constitution seeming to allude only to matters altogether of a Civil nature, but in such times as these it is evident that if the Constitution will warrant it (which by the thirty third clause the Board think it will) the whole rather to be expected than from many. The Council therefore executive power ought to be lodged in a Single person with respect to Military matters from whose decision and dispatch are impressed with a Sense of the Calamitous situation of this State and apprehending it as an unavoidable expedient, do request that his honor the Governor will be pleased to take upon himself to act in such manner as to him shall seem most elegible, and to exercise all the executive powers of Government appertaining to the Militia or the defence of the State against the present danger which threatens it or in annoyance of the Enemy independent of the executive Council and without calling Consulting or advising with them, unless where and when he shall find it convenient and shall Chuse so to do. And they pledge themselves to support and uphold him in so doing and to adopt as their own the measures which he shall embrace And that this shall continue during the present emergency or until the honorable house of Assembly shall make an order or give their opinion to the Contrary.

The Governor having considered of the foregoing Requisition answered that he was exceedingly unwilling to do any act without the approbation of the Council but that as he had found by experience during the present alarm the impossibility of at all times getting them together when too, much perhaps depended upon a minute And further that as the Council had given it as their Opinion that the proceedings was justifiable under the Constitution and as the meeting of the Assembly was so near at hand and alarms and dangers seem'd to thicken on all Sides he agreed to act in the manner the Council requested during the present emergency or until the honorable House of Assembly shall make an order or give their opinion to the contrary.

RESOLVED, As the opinion of this Board that an Alarm as pointed out by the act of Assembly ought to be immediately fired throughout the State and the consequences thereof take place.

ORDERED That the Treasurers pay to John Fulton Esqr fifty pounds in part of his account for his attendance in Council: Also to John Lindsay Esqr forty pounds in full for his attendance in Council

The Council adjourned to meet at Augusta on Monday the twenty seventh day of April Instant agreeable to the governor's Proclamation for that purpose.

Savannah June 26 1778

The Board met

Present

His Honor the President

Charles Kent	William Maxwell
John Fulton.	J————

WHEREAS by a resolution of the honorable House of Assembly pass'd the fourth day of May last his honor the Governor is empower'd to draught or cause to be draughted from the Confiscated and Sequestered Estates a number not exceeding two hundred able male Slaves for the use of the Continental Army now employed or that may hereafter be employed on the expedition against East Florida to act as pioneers And also to draught one hundred able male Slaves for the use of the Militia and other forces belonging to this State and employed on an expedition now carrying on Against East Florida to do fatigue duty on the said Expedition And Whereas the Trustees appointed by

an act of Assembly to take Charge of the above mentioned Estates and who are directed to furnish the said Slaves find it impracticable to collect from the different Estates the number ordered owing to the Sickness of the Negroes their unwillingness to go on the said Expedition and as it is supposed the pains taken by the Overseers to keep them out of the Way when applied for.

Resolved That the President do issue orders to Captn Gwinn of the Cherokee Hill Company or to the Captains of any Company of Malitia in whose district any of the Confiscated or sequestered estates may be directing them to draught such a number of their Company. as they may think sufficient to apprehend and bring to Savannah the negroes wanted.

And Whereas it has been represented to this Board by Colonel Williamson who is on his march to join the Governor with a Body of Troops from the State of South Carolina and from the best information he can collect the Roads between Great Ogeechee and the Alatamaha are impassible for his Waggons in many places and whereas it is absolutely necessary that his Troops should join those of the Governor as soon as possible and as it may occasion a considerable delay should they be obliged to wait until the Negroes be sent from this County reach him.

Resolved That Colonel Williamson be empowered and directed to hire such a number of Negroes as he may find necessary from the owners of the Plantations which lie most contiguous to the roads which are out of order, to repair the Same, and in case of the refusal of the said owners to hire their Negroes the said Colonel Williamson is hereby authorized and empowered to press the number he may want and to give the owners Certificates of the number of Negroes and of the time which they may be employed by him—Provided Nevertheless that none of the Negroes so hired or impressed be carried out of the district to which they belong nor be detained more than four days.

ORDERED That the Secretary do transmit a Copy of the said resolution to Colonel Williamson and write to Captain Gwinn on the Subject of the first resolution

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Tuesday the 7th July 1778

The Board met

Present

His Honor the President

William Maxwell	Charles Kent
John Keebler	John Fulton

Robert Henderson and Ezekiel Bromfield Prisoners on their Parole in Savannah taken up on Suspicion of being Enemies to the State having this day presented a petition to the Board requesting that they may be permitted to Return to their respectives Homes upon giving Sufficient Security for their appearance to stand their Trial.

ORDERED That the said Robert Henderson and Ezekiel Bromfield be discharged from their parole upon giving good and Sufficient Security to his Honor the Governor that they will attend and stand their Trials at the Superiour Court to be holden in Burke County on the third Tuesday in October next.

WHEREAS the exportation of Provisions from the united States of America has tended considerably to the Supplying the Enemies thereof by the Capture of Vessels concerned in such exportation. And whereas it is recommended in the strongest Terms by the Honorable the Continental Congress that a General Embargo should be laid on the exportation of Provisions It is Therefore Ordered that a Proclamation do immediately

issue prohibiting the exportation of Wheat Flower, Rye, Indian Corn, Rice, Bread, Beef, Pork, Bacon, live Stock, and other provisions from this State, from the date hereof until the fifteenth day of November next unless sooner revoked Provided that this Embargo shall not be constru'd to prevent the taking on Board such provisions as shall be necessary for the Stores of any Ships or Vessels of War or others Trading to and from this State.

Ordered That the President do draw upon the Treasurers in favor of Eerick & Gray for the Sum of thirty pounds each in part of their Salary.

Ordered That the Embargo on the exportation of Salt from this State be continued for the Space of three months

Whereas by a resolution of the honorable House of Assembly passed the 1[t] March last the Auditor General was directed to examine and Lequidate the Accounts of the Commissaries of the Minute Battalions and after having so done to lay the same before his Honor the Governor and Council, and empowering his Honor to draw on the Treasurers of this State for such Sums as might appear due. And Whereas an account has this day been presented to the Board by Benjamin Few Commissary for one of the said Battalions upon which it appears by the Certificates of Joseph Wood Jun[r] Auditor that there is a Ballance due to him of three thousand, three hundred and Eighty three pounds fourteen Shillings.

Ordered That the president do draw on the Treasurers in favor of the said Few for the said Sum of three thousand three hundred and Eighty three pounds fourteen Shillings

Thursday the 23 July 1778—

The Board met

Present

His Honor the President

John Lindsay	Holman Freeman
John Fulton	John Keebler

WHEREAS it appears to this Board, that many Probates for Land have been improperly executed one Justice of the Peace having Signed them in his own name and in that of some other Justices of the Peace And Whereas this Board is unwilling to suppose that this has proceded from a design to impose upon or injure the

It is therefore resolved That Letters be wrote to the Several Justices of the peace requiring them to be more cautious in future, and directing them hereafter the Probates particularly set forth the Family rights of persons applying for Lands and of their having said rights in the State at the time of applying.

Read the Petition of Colonel John Thomas of Burke county Setting forth that on or about the tenth day of April last he was put under an arrest and that he hath agreeable to his Parole remained within the Limits of the ever since and Praying that he May be permitted to return to his House upon giving Bail for his appearing and standing his trial at the next Superiour Court.

A Number of Affidavits much in favor of the said Thomas having been also read—

ORDERED That Colonel John Thomas be discharged from his Parole and be permitted to return home on his giving good

Security in the Sum of two thousand pounds that he will appear and stand his trial at the Superiour Court to be holden in Burke County on the third Tuesday in October next

WHEREAS by a letter laid before the Board from Charles M^c^Kay and from other information Received it appears that the Magazine at Ebenezer in which there is near Seven thousand w^t^ of Gun Powder is at this alarming time very Weakly guarded and that the Militia who Keep Guard there are very remiss in their duty

ORDERED That Charles M^c^Kay do hire Sixteen men for the purpose of guarding the said Magazine and to be under the Command of the said M^c^Kay and to be continued on pay (at the rate of five pounds per Month for each Man to include rations) until relieved by the Continental or Some other Troops—And that the said M^c^Kay have two Centry Boxes built at the expence of the public for the use of the said Guard and upon having so done that he make a report thereof to this Board, that the Militia who are now on duty may be discharged.

Wednesday 5th Aug: 1778.

Present his Honor the Governor

Richard Wylly
John Lindsay
John Keebler
John Fulton
Jenkin Davis

WHEREAS, there is at present a great number of persons most of them notorious offenders against the State confined in the Jail in Burke County, and they having many friends and abettors in and amongst the Florida Scout there is the greatest reason to apprehend an attempt may be made to effect their rescue and

release—It is therefore necessary that a strict guard be kept on the said Jail, more especially as the place where it stands is remote from the inhabitants, and the Militia having been upon hard duty lately it is unreasonable to expect or require them at present to guard the same—Therefore

RESOLVED that a Company of one Captain, one Lieutenant and twenty privates be immediately raised as a guard to the said Jail—that Lemuel Lanier Esq. be that Captain, and that he appoint his Lieutenant and raise the said twenty men—that the pay of the privates be one dollar per day besides rations—And that the pay of the Captain & Lieutenant be in proportion—that the said Company continue untill the end of the next Court to be held in Burke County and then be discharged unless it shall be thought necessary by the Justices of said Court to continue them for one month longer—

RESOLVED That Lemuel Lanier Esqr be allowed one hundred pounds over and above his pay as a gratuity for his ready and essential services done to the State during the late expedition—

WHEREAS it manifestly appears that the five independent Companies directed to be raised out of the Minute battalions have by no Means answered the intention of the Legislature, and so far from compensating for their expenses they have only served as a name without rendering the service of Troops—their whole number which ought to have been two hundred and fifty not amounting to seventy men on the expedition and the most of even that number having since deserted insomuch that the Governor informed the Board that out of the five Companies he did not know of above six men he could at present order on duty —therefore

RESOLVED That the said five Companies be discharged from henceforth—And that the Clerk of this Board do signify the same to such of the Officers as he can hear of.

WHEREAS on the thirteenth day of April last past it was judged expedient to order a Company of Artillery to be raised out of the Militia of the County of Chatham. And Whereas, the reasons for the same hold more strong now than then, and the said Company hath in some measure fallen into decay.

RESOLVED That the said Company of Artillery be continued, that they be augmented to forty privates; under the following Officers (to wit) a Captain, two Lieutenants, two Sergeants and two Corporals. That the Governor do appoint the said Commissioned Officers and that they remain upon the establishment mentioned in the said resolve of this Board of the thirteenth day of April last, and take charge of the Artillery belonging to the State.

And it is further ordered, That the said Companies of Artillery be also a fire Company for the Town of Savannah and that the Governor do appoint two reputable inhabitants of the said Town as Directors of fires; And that the said Company be furnished with proper implements for their use. And whereas the small number of inhabitants in this County will not admit of exemptions

It is therefore ordered, That nothing in the foregoing resolve shall exempt any person engaged in the said Company from patrol or other duty in common with the other inhabitants save only that they are to do duty as a company of themselves when called upon.

Saturday 15th August 1778.

The Board met

Present his Honor the Governor.

Richard Wylly	Charles Kent
John Fulton	John Lindsay

ORDERED That a copy of the information of Hannah Noble, this day laid before the Board, respecting some cattle of hers said to be drove off by Colo. Howell some time ago, be transmitted to Major Ravot of Effingham County; and that he be directed if he shall find the said information true to cause the said cattle to be returned to her, but if otherwise that he do attend this Board with a state of the matter before he shall deliver the said cattle up.

ORDERED That the company of Horse patrol in the Town of Savannah do recommend some one of their company to the Governor as a fit person for a Captain in the room of Joseph Habersham Esquire who declines acting.

It being represented to this Board that there are a number of persons now lying in the Jail at Savannah, who, notwithstanding their having been taken and confined as prisoners of War, are under accusation of Treason.

It is ordered, That the Chief Justice do cause a report to be made to this Board by thursday next of the names of such of the said persons now confined in any of the Jails in Savannah as are under accusation or charge of Treason or any other offence, or against whom there is reasonable ground of suspicion that they fall under the said charge.

ORDERED, That the Treasurer pay to Samuel Slich Clerk of this Board two hundred and fifty pounds in part of his salary and other charges against the public.

ORDERED That the Treasurer pay to Mr. Fournier the sum of eight hundred pounds being the amount of an order drawn in his favor by the Governor and lost by the said Fournier, upon his lodging good and sufficient security with the said Treasurer that the said order shall not hereafter be produced for payment. And it is further ordered that the Treasurer pay particular attention to this matter.

ORDERED That John Daniel Hammerer be appointed Vendue Master for the County of Chatham upon his giving good and sufficient security and otherwise complying with the act of Assembly.

Tuesday 25th August 1778.

The Board met

Present his Honor the Governor.

Richard Wylly	John Lindsay
John Fulton	John Keebler
Charles Kent.	

ORDERED That the commanding Officer of the continental Troops in Savannah be informed that as it is apprehended the barracks without the Town are sufficiently finished to receive to receive the said Troops, it is the opinion of this Board and the earnest desire of the inhabitants of the Town, that the privates belonging to the said Troops be removed to the said barracks in particular that they be ordered out of the parsonage house which under the emergency of a former occasion was perverted from its original intention and turned into barracks.

WHEREAS, a certain sum of money being voted by the Honorable the Continental Congress for the purpose of calling in, and redeeming the Treasury certificates of this State, a part thereof was brought in by Joseph Wood Esqr one of the delegates of

this State, and the Honorable the House of Assembly at their sitting ordered that the same shall be applied in paying off a fourth part of the said Treasury Certificates.

And Whereas since that time another part of their said vote of Congress hath been brought in by Major Lucas sufficient as it is apprehended to pay off another fourth part of the said Treasury certificates, therefore

Resolved That the said sum of money brought in by the said Major Lucas and now lying in the Treasury of this State be applied towards discharging and paying off another fourth part of the said Treasury certificates according to the true intent and meaning of the said vote of Congress.

Ordered, That all vacancies of officers in the Militia of this State be forthwith filled up by new elections and that from time to time as fast as elections shall happen a report be made to the Governor in order that Commissions may be made out.

It being suggested to this Board that Oliver Bowen Esq. hath signified his intention to the members of the Navy Board by circular notes to them of leaving the State

It is Ordered, That the said Navy Board do require the said Oliver Bowen before his departure to make a full settlement with them of all the public accounts of the said Gallies since the time of the said Navy Board being instituted—And whereas prior to the institution of the said Navy Board certain sums of Money have been advanced by the Treasurer of this State for the use of the said Gallies, which still remain unsettled

It is Therefore Ordered That the said Navy Board do also procure a settlement of such accounts and that the Treasurer assist them in that business in order that the State may be furnished with proper vouchers so as to debit the continent with what is just and right.

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the resolve of this Board on the third day of April last past; and the letter of Oliver Bowen Esq. to the Governor in answer to the same, disputes concerning the supreme command over the Gallies, do still exist; and the said Oliver Bowen hath in a late instance absolutely denied the authority of the State over him. And whereas, the Gallies at present appear in a condition no wise fit, from the want of men, and many other circumstances, to render service to this state in case of need; and it would be wrong that the public, for whose benefit the said Gallies were intended should be deprived thereof through the means of any one man. And whereas, some of the Officers of the said Gallies have lately applied to the Governor for their pay and the necessary supplies for the vessels under their immediate command respectively, and being sensible they hold their Commissions from this State, and that they were intended for the use and defence of it, do not pretend to question the authority of same over them.

It is Therefore Ordered, That the Captains or Commanding Officers of all the Gallies in the service of this State do attend this Board on Thursday next, and answer such questions as shall be put to them. And it is further ordered, that in case the said Captains or other Commanding Officer shall satisfy this Board of their disposition to obey the lawful commands of the State in future; proper provision as heretofore shall be made for them; and as to the particular conduct of the said Oliver Bowen,

It is Ordered That the same be referred to the Honorable the House of Assembly at their next meeting, and that until such meeting, in order to avoid contest and injury to public service all orders from the Governor run immediately to the Captains themselves or other Commanding Officers of the said Gallies respectively.

WHEREAS, during the confusion which subsisted prior to the establishment of the present Constitution a practice obtained and which hath since continued of Marrying without license, security

of publication of the bans as had been heretofore used in this State to the great abuse in many cases of that holy institution—Therefore

RESOLVED, That it be publickly notified in order that no Clergyman may plead ignorance/ that such practice is contrary to law, and that where the parties are disposed to marry without publication of the Banns, the Secretary of the State will be ready to receive bond, and apply to the Governor for license as hath heretofore been used in this State prior the revolution; that article not appearing to be in any wise altered by the present Constitution.

A petition from a number of persons having been presented to the Board for the establishing Edward Welch in the printing business in Savannah,

It is Ordered That the said petition be referred to John Fulton and Charles Kent Esqr as a Committee who are to make enquiry concerning the said Welch and also in what manner Types and other utensils can be had for him; and to report their opinion upon the whole matter to this Board at their next sitting.

Wednesday 26th August 1778.

The Board met

Present his Honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	John Fulton
John Keebler	Charles Kent.

RESOLVED That a Flag of Truce be sent to Saint Augustine with the prisoners belonging to the enemy in the Towns of Savannah and Sunbury; that the Sloop Rebecca belonging to the

State, go as the said Flag of Truce—that Charles Kent Esqr be the Officer thereof, and that Captain Job Pray go as Captain of the said Sloop.

WHEREAS, this Board did on the 15th Instant, order that the Chief Justice should make report to this Board which of the prisoners now confined in the Jail at Savannah and lately taken from Florida should be deemed Traitors or other criminals in order that it may appear which of them should on the other hand be deemed prisoners of War. And Whereas, the said report not having yet been made,

It is Ordered, that the Sheriff do attend the Chief Justice and be informed from him in conjunction with his associate Justices, if necessary, which of the said prisoners so confined ought to be deemed prisoners of War, and that he do deliver over all such to Charles Kent Esqr appointed Officer of the Flag now going to Saint Augustine, in order that they may be duly exchanged.

RESOLVED, On the application of Hepworth Carter Esq. that leave be given to Mrs. Crughton to go in the said Flag of Truce; And that in regard to the Negroes she is desirous of carrying with her the same be referred to the trustees for forfeited estates for the County of Liberty, this Board not knowing whether the said Negroes do belong to her—

ORDERED That it be notified to the Commanding Officer of the Continental Troops in this State, that by several expresses to the Governor it appears upwards of twenty persons have been killed in the Ceded lands by the Creek Indians on the ninth instant, and that from all appearances there is the greatest probability of a rupture with those Indians.

ORDERED That the State Artillery be collected and taken charge of by Joseph Woodruff Esq: Captain of Artillery And

that the yard of the Council House be appropriated to the use of an Artillery park.

RESOLVED, that the militia through out this State ought to be embodied in consequence of the alarm from the Indians; and every Method, by scouting and other parties, taken to secure the inhabitants against their inroads—

Colo. Graves applied for a sum of money out of the Treasury for the Fort, Barracks, and other works in Sunbury.

ORDERED, that the said application be postponed until the meeting of Assembly.

ORDERED, That the State of South Carolina be debited with six hundred pounds of Gun Powder, supplied the Captain of the Beaufort Gally belonging to that State, on her way upon the late expedition, which was promised to be returned by him, but has not been—

On the application of Joseph Clay Esqr Pay-Master for the Continental Troops in this State,

It is Ordered that the Treasurer do advance and and pay to him for the use of the said Troops £10,000 in further part of the vote of Assembly at their last sitting in Augusta and to be charged as a loan to the Continent.

Edward Davies Esq. attended the Board and laid before them the case of the Sloop Nancy, John Norris Commander, laden with rice and bound for Martinique at the time the late Embargo took place.

RESOLVED, that altho' it appears the case of the said Edward Davies is peculiar and hard, yet the Board do not find themselves at Liberty under the words or spirit of the resolution Congress to permit the said Sloop to carry out her cargo of rice.

Thursday 27th August 1778.

The Board met

Present his Honor the Governor.

John Fulton	Charles Kent
Richard Wylly	John Keebler.

Pursuant to the order of this day John Hardy, Captain of the Congress Gally; John Braddoch, Captain of the Lee; and John Newdigate of the Washington attended this Board, and several questions being put to them by the Governor, they gave perfect satisfaction in the same, and entered into an engagement to pay due obedience to the orders of this State; therefore,

Resolved, that this Board in behalf of the State will make suitable provision for the said Gallies agreeable to the intention of the Legislature, the spirit of their establishment, and the meaning of former resolves and orders of this board; and the Governor will give orders accordingly.

Ordered, that Captain Braddock in the Lee Gally do as soon as possible repair to Sunbury and carry with her certain prisoners of War, with provisions and other matters which may be delivered by Charles Kent Esq: for that place. And it is further

Ordered, that the said Gally do afterwards remain stationed in the inlet for the defence of Sunbury Bar until otherwise ordered.

Ordered, That Thomas Maxwell Esq. who hath been formerly appointed by the House of Assembly a Captain in the Gally Service, do take command of the Bulloch Gally in the room of Hatchet deceased, upon his subscribing the paper which hath this day been signed by the other three Captains.

Ordered, That the Treasurer do pay to Richard Gainer the

sum of ninety one pounds and two pence, being the amount of the pay-roll for Militia duty done by the Cherochee Hill Company under the command of the said Richard Gainer; and that the said Richard Gainer do accordingly pay off the said men.

Monday 31st August 1778.

The Board met

Present his Honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	Charles Kent
Samuel Miller	John Fulton
John Keebler.	

The Chief Justice having ageeable to order of the 26th instant transmitted to the Board a list of the several persons now confined in Jail, and of his opinion on their cases whereby it appears he does not think any of them entitled to be considered as prisoners of War, but that they are liable to be tried for Treason and other offences.

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the County of Chatham do henceforth take charge of the said several persons, a list of whose names will be furnished him by the Clerk of this Board taken from the Chief Justices letter; And that he do retain them in his custody as criminals until they shall be delivered by due course of law.

And it is Further Ordered, that it be strongly recommended to the said Sheriff to keep strict watch upon the said prisoners, who may become very dangerous if suffered to escape; And that he make application to the Commanding Officer of the Continental Troops in Savannah for what he may deem a sufficient guard over them.

ORDERED That the account of Charles M^c^Kay keeper of the Magazine in Ebenezer amounting to £24. 19. 0 be paid by an order on the Treasurer. and that Lb. 5000. lead be sent up to Ebenezer and placed in the hands of the said Charles M^c^Kay for public use when ordered by the Governor.

ORDERED, That the following letter be wrote by the Governor of this State, to the Governor of East-Florida, with the Flag of Truce now going to St. Augustine, to wit, (the letter not sent as first intended). And that the following be the form of the Flag to be carried which is to be made out by the Secretary, to be signed by the Governor, and to be under the great seal of this State; to wit,

STATE OF GEORGIA

By his honor John Houston Esquire Captain General and Commander in Chief of the State aforesaid.

To all whom it may concern, Greeting

KNOW YE, that the Sloop Rebecca, being of the burthen of 100 tons or thereabouts, Virginia built and belonging to this State of which Job Pray Esq. is Commander is now bound on a voyage to Saint Augustine as a Flag of Truce, carrying prisoners of War the subjects of his Britanick Majesty to be exchanged for persons in the same condition the subjects of the United States of North America, or any of them and that Charles Kent and the said Job Pray Esq^rs^ go as officers of the said Flag and Vessel.

And further know ye, that the said vessel and all persons on board her are not to be molested on either side; but as a Flag of Truce are to have free liberty to pass to St Augustine aforesaid, and again as soon as the Officers shall judge fit, to return to Sanbury bringing back all such persons as may be delivered

by his Excellency Patrick Tonyn Esq. Governor of East Florida in return for those sent from this State.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the said State of Georgia, at Savannah the 31st day of August 1778.

By his honors command

J. Melton Secy

Ordered, That the Trustees of forfeited estates for Liberty County be directed to furnish Captain Braddock of the Lee Gally with six proper hands out of those formerly belonging to Mr. Porteous, And Captain Pray with four more out of the same gang, the former for the use of the Gally, and the latter for the Flag of Truce now going to St Augustine; it being found impossible to get white Seamen, the said Trustees taking receipts for the said Negroes to be kept in public service until otherwise ordered.—

The alarming state of Affairs in the back Country requiring great exertions, and General Scriven having agreed to repair to Augusta to take command there

It is Ordered, on the application of the said General Scriven that a guard consisting of an officer and twelve men be raised for the space of three months unless sooner disbanded to attend the said General Scriven as a Body-Guard as it will be necessary for him to go at times along the frontier in places of great danger.

And it is further ordered, that the pay of the said Officer be fifty dollars per month, and of the privates twenty dollars per month besides rations; and that General Scriven recommend the officer to be appointed to the Governor who will grant him a Commission accordingly.

Whereas, The Honorable House of Assembly did order and direct that five independent Companies of men consisting of fifty privates each, under the command of Major Wilder, should be taken out of the two Minute Battalions and continued in the pay of this State.

And Whereas, the said Major Wilder having been tried by a Court Martial and broke; and the State of the said five independant companies in such bad order, that this Board for certain reasons by them set forth, did by resolve, dated the fifth day of August last past disband the said five independant companies.

And Whereas, the helpless and exposed situation of the State; the depredations daily committed by the Florida Scout; the alarming conduct of the Indians at the present time; and many other reasons make it absolutely necessary that some Troops should be kept up on the State establishment.

And Whereas it is impossible to enlist Men upon the pay formerly allowed

It is therefore Ordered, that six companies of men consisting each of a Captain, two Lieutenants, two Sergeants and twenty privates be immediately raised, that is to say, one for each of the settled Counties within the state; that the Officers be commissioned by the Governor out of the said Counties respectively, and that the Officers and men be allowed the same rations and double the pay the minute men were, that altho' one Company is intended for each County, yet the Governor is to have power to order them where he thinks it necessary for the security of the whole, and the Captains are to rank No. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5 & 6. as the Governor shall Commission; the enlistment of the men to run four months unless sooner disbanded; and those men who faithfully serve out their time, or exert themselves in the service may be assured of the interest of this Board with the Assembly to allow them a generous bounty of land as well as of money.

WHEREAS, a number of men inimical to the measures of America, having gone off from this State and joined the enemy in East Florida, and are daily coming in Scouts or parties and robbing and plundering the inhabitants of the said State, of their Negroes and horses. And whereas, many of the said persons having left their wives and families on Ogechee in small huts or settlements, do means thereof procure always when they come in a secure Asylum, and gain every intelligence as manifestly appears from late instances in the furtherance of their schemes, to the great injury of the good people of this State. And whereas, such persons to depend too much on the tenderness which is due to women and children, not reflecting that even humanity itself must yield to Necessity and the public good.

It is Therefore Resolved, That under the peculiar situation of at this juncture there is a necessity for the families of such persons as have gone off to East Florida as aforesaid to be removed from the places on Ogechee which they now occupy, and from which they have so easy a communication with their husbands and afford them so great assistance and help in their plundering schemes.

And it is Accordingly Ordered, that a party of men be detached from Captain Gainers Company of Cherochee Hill, with orders to break up the settlements above described and to bring the women and children further in among the inhabitants and to settle them on some of the forfeited estates where reasonable provision will be made for them, and where they cannot hold any intercourse with their husbands, or others the enemies of this State or if such women and children shall be dissatisfied therewith, and shall so choose, then the said party is to conduct them to Sunbury and put them on board the Flag of Truce now going to St Augustine, and they are to be carried at public charge and left there.

A letter from John Murray Esq. a person named in the Bill

of Attainder of this state the first day of March last past addressed to the Governor and acquainting him, that he the said John Murray had returned to this state, and also mentioning other things, as by the said letter will appear, which was laid before the Board, by the Governor, who requested their opinion thereon

Resolved That the merits of the said application do not come properly before the Board or the Governor nor can any power, but the Legislative Body either reverse the attainder of the said John Murray or give him leave to return; and as the said John Murray hath notified his return in violation of the act above mentioned it is the duty of the Governor forthwith, to lodge the letter of the said John Murray with the Chief Justice who is to act as the law in such cases directs.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Board do immediately wait on the Chief Justice with the letter of the said John Murray before mentioned, and the certificate therein enclosed, as also the foregoing order.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of a number of inhabitants of this State respecting a Printer, brought in their report as follows,

(See report No. 2.)

Ordered, That the said William Lancaster do attend this Board on Thursday next to shew cause why the Types and other printing utensils purchased by the public and intended for him, should not be again returned to the public at what they cost, the said William Lancaster not having complied with his engagements respecting the said Types and utensils.

The said William Lancaster attended the Board and desired to be heard immediately on the foregoing order.

Ordered accordingly.

The said William Lancaster appeared and refused to give up the Types and utensils, voluntarily for Several reasons which he alledged.

ORDERED, That the matter be postponed for further consideration.

Tuesday 1st September 1778.

The Board met

Present his honor

The Governor.

Richard Wylly	Samuel Miller
John Fulton	John Keebler

John McLeur Esqr having applied to this Board for payment of an account of John Clements did in Continental Money agreeable to contract for working upon the Fort at Salters Island amounting to about three thousand dollars, the Board are of opinion that they have not a right to appropriate the continental money now in the Treasury, to that purpose, but do direct that the Treasurers retain in their hands the said sum of three thousand dollars until the meeting of Assembly, to whom it shall be referred whether to appropriate the same to the above purpose.

Tuesday 8th September 1778.

The Board met

Present his honor

The Governor.

Richard Wylly	John Fulton
John Lindsay	John Keebler.

ORDERED, That Commissions be made out for the Officers of Wilkes County agreeable to a return made to this Board by Colo. John Dooly.

WHEREAS, the alarming situation of the Western frontiers renders it absolutely necessary that the Militia now on scouting duty in Wilkes County should be supplied with provisions during the time they are actually on duty,

RESOLVED, that Capt. James McLean be from this day appointed Commissary for that purpose, and that he do supply them when on duty with rations according to law, upon which he shall be allowed a reasonable Commission; This appointment to last until the rising of the next House of Assembly or further orders to the contrary.

ORDERED. That the Treasurers do advance the said James McLean five hundred pounds to enable him to comply with the foregoing resolve he to be accountable for the expenditure of the same and to give security to the Treasurers so to do, when called upon

Friday 11th September 1778.

The Board met

Present his honor

The Governor.

Richard Wylly John Fulton
John Lindsay

It being represented to this Board that Comodore Bowen is about leaving the State and hath refused or declined any longer to sign a ration Bill for the Gallies, so as to authorize the Continental Commissary of issues to furnish the same

It is Therefore Ordered That in future, if the said Comodore Bowen shall refuse or decline to sign the said Ration Bill, that the eldest Captain in Port do sign the same, which shall be a sufficient authority for the said Commissary of issues to furnish or supply the said rations as usual.

Resolved That the Treasurers do pay into the hands of Joseph Clay, Pay-Master of the Continental Troops in this State, the sum of £10,000, Georgia Currency in further part of the last vote of Assembly.

Whereas, there is a great want of several pieces of printing business to be done for public use, and there is but one press and the apparatus thereunto belonging to this State, which appears in some measure to be of public property, at least it was intended to be employed for public advantage. And whereas, the said press and apparatus are in the hands of a Man, to wit, William Lancaster, who will neither use them himself, or lend or sell them to others who will, whereby considerable damage hath resulted to the public by whom the said press and apparatus were put into the hands of the said William Lancaster,

Therefore Resolved Under the particular circumstances of the case, that the said printing press, Types and Apparatus be impressed for public use by the Commissary of this State, and that they be placed in the hands of Edward Welch, he giving a receipt for the same, untill the next meeting Assembly, unto whom it shall be referred whether the said press, Types and Apparatus are public property or not, and in either case what to be done with, or in regard to the same. And it is further resolved, that the said press and Apparatus be duly and properly appraised, and if they shall hereafter appear to be the property of the said Wm Lancaster he shall be allowed a reasonable hire for the same and they shall be either returned to him without damage, or else he shall be paid the full value of the same agreeable to such appraisement.

Ordered, That the Treasurers do pay to John Pourcen, two hundred and thirty six pounds, seven shillings and three pence in continental money for cordage supplied Capt. Newdigate for the use of the Gallies.

Friday 18th September 1778.

The Board met

Present his Honor the Governor

Richard Wylly John Fulton.
John Lindsay

Ordered, That expresses be immediately sent off to Chesley Bostwick and S. Miller Esqrs. Members of this Board, and that the same be at their expence, and that such expence be paid before they take their seat at this Board.

A letter from the President of So Carolina, dated 9th Sept. In-

stant, to the Governor, was laid before the Board, together with some resolves of the House of Assembly of that State, respecting Indian affairs.

Resolved First—That there is every reason, from the appearance of things at this time, to apprehend a war with the Creek-Indians is become unavoidable, they having actually killed several of the inhabitants of this State and taken and carried away a number of horses and cattle from the same.

Second—That it is prudent and necessary to make provision for such an event in the best manner the State can, and the Council advises that the Governor do order the Militia of the County of Wilkes and Richmond to be immediately drafted into two parts; the one to be called out and placed on duty, either in Scouts or otherwise, as the Field Officers of the said Counties respectively shall judge fit, and at the end of a fortnight to be relieved by the other; and that the detachments of these Counties do as circumstances require occasionally move to the assistance of each other; that nothing herein contained extend to prevent the Commanding Officer of each regiment from calling out and placing on duty, either in Scouts or posts the whole of his regiment, if an alarm or other intelligence shall so require; and that the Militia of the several other Counties be drafted into three divisions; the first division to be ordered out properly accoutred for action, and march to such place in their respective Counties as shall be fixed upon by the commanding officer of the County for a camp within four days after the draft and shall there continue (unless otherwise ordered) for a fortnight; at the end of which time they shall be relieved by the second division, who shall continue out a like time and then be relieved by the third, and so on continually until farther or otherwise ordered whilst they shall remain in Camp; but in case of a general March or Movement, then reliefs are not to be expected in so short a space of time. That sufficient scouting parties be always kept out from the encampment towards the frontier of the County.

3. Ordered, That the Commanding Officer in each County appoint a fit person to act as Commissary to the division of his County which may be out on duty.

Fourth—That William Downer be appointed and directed to purchase and collect a quantity, not exceeding 500 barrels of wheat flour in and about Wrightsboro, at public expence; and that the same be lodged in some secure part of that district as a Magazine ready in case the same shall be wanted; and that the said William Downer for the said quantity of flour upon the Governor be paid by an order from him on the Treasury of this State.

Fifth—That letters be written by the Governor of this State, to the Governor of North Carolina and Virginia informing them of the great probability there is . . . .

September 24th 1778.

The Board met

Present, his honor the Governor

William Maxwell	John Fulton
John Lindsay	John Keebler

A letter from Colo. Williamson dated 15th September instant to the Governor was laid before the Board in which Colo. Williamson informs that he had brought into this State and marched to the frontiers of the same five hundred and forty six effective men to aid and assist in repelling the Indians, and that he was desirous a Commissary well acquainted with the Country, should be appointed to supply them and other men, the exigency of affairs should require to be marched to our assistance.

RESOLVED, that Colonel Williamson be requested and empowered to appoint some fit person in the county of Wilkes to act as Commissary for supplying his Men; that he make such agreement with him as appears just and reasonable; and give the said Commissary a draft or certificate to the Governor for such sum as may be necessary in advance to enable the said Commissary to procure provision or contract for the same. And whereas, it is suggested in Colo. Williamsons letter that some persons, taking advantage of the situation of things, and notwithstanding their own danger hold their articles of provision at a higher rate than ought to be allowed.

It is Ordered, that the Commissary whom Colo. Williamson shall appoint have power and be directed, in case he cannot otherwise procure provision, to impress the same, allowing the owner in payment thereof what is just and reasonable.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to Richard Wylly Esq[r] £205. being the amount of his account for his attendance in Council.

September 25th 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor, the Governor

Richard Wylly	William Maxwell
John Lindsay	Samuel Miller
John Fulton	John Keebler.

The petition and Memorial of John Wereat Esq: Continental Agent was laid before this Board Setting forth that he had re-

ceived an express and positive instructions from the Marine department of Congress, to send immediately to Philadelphia, a quantity of Ship timber that is under the care of the said John Wereat, for the purpose of repairing two of the Continental Frigates that were partly destroyed by the enemy; and praying that this Board would grant him an order to impress a Brigantine now lying in the River Savannah, for the above purpose, setting forth in the said Memorial some particular circumstances that the said Brigantine was under in regard to a claim he, in behalf of Congress, had upon her.

Ordered—That the said John Wereat as well as the present owners or holders of the said Brigantine do attend this Board on Tuesday next, and that the Merits of the said Memorial or petition be then considered.

Tuesday 29th September 1778.

The Board met

Present.

His Honor the Governor

John Fulton	Samuel Miller
John Lindsay	David Lewis

John Wereat Esq. Continental Agent, and Mr. Fournier, the owner of the Brigantine mentioned in the memorial presented by him to the Board, having attended agreeable to order, and being heard relative to the same

Ordered—That the same be postponed for a fortnight, for further consideration.

Application being made to this Board by Mrs. Sikes wife to a

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person who has left this State and gone to East-Florida, setting forth the distressed situation of herself and three children, she having been ordered in, among a number of other persons from Ogechee, to prevent any intelligence being given to the enemies in East-Florida

ORDERED, That the Commissary General do supply her with a barrel of rice, and one hundred weight of beef; for the support of herself and family.

ORDERED, That the keeper of the Arsenal in Savannah, do deliver to Wm Sanders Command of the Pilot Boat for the Port and Harbour of Savannah, twelve w^t^ of Ball for the defence of said Boat.

Wednesday 7th October 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor, the Governor

William Maxwell
John Fulton
Richard Wylly
Samuel Miller
David Lewis.

RESOLVED, as the opinion of this Board, that Thomas Forbes Esq. a Commissioner for the exchange of prisoners, from His Excellency, Governor Tonyn, ought immediately to repair on board the Flag of Truce in which he came, and there remain not higher up Savannah River than Cockspur until his business shall be compleated.

RESOLVED—That Major Wylly, Samuel Miller and Samuel

Slut Esq^{rs} be appointed Commissioners, in behalf of this State, to go down to the Flag of Truce from Saint Augustine, and to negociate and settle all matters respecting the cartel with the Commissioners from Governor Tonyn.

Resolved—That the Washington Gally be immediately ordered down with the said Commissioners, and that she do lie as a guard until the said Flag of Truce shall sail, which it is expected will be, as soon as the Commissioners have closed their business.

Resolved—That Mrs. Munro, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Trentfield have permission to go down and to return with the said Commissioners from this State; and that Mrs. Jemima Love, her son and Miss Ann Martin, have leave to depart this state, not to return again, in the Flag of Truce for Saint Augustine.

Resolved—That this Board cannot permit Simon Munro Esqr. to land or come on shore as prayed for by his letter.

Ordered—That the Treasurers do pay Mr. Joshua Lockwood of Charles Town for 550 W^{t} of Gun powder some time since purchased by the public, at the rate of a dollar a pound in Continental Money.

Thursday October 8th 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	Samuel Miller
Chesley Bostwick	John Lindsay
John Keebler	David Lewis
John Fulton.	

The following resolution was received from the Honbl. House of Assembly by two of their Members viz, Arthur Fort and Charles Oddingsells Esqrs.

House of Assembly, Thursday Octo 8th 1778.

Resolved, That the oath of qualification of Magistrates is a sufficient qualification for persons appointed to act as assistant judges under the laws and constitution of this State; that the Governor be requested to qualify any of the assistant Judges that shall apply for that purpose and that a copy of this resolve be sent to his honor the Governor.

Extract from the minutes

Geo. Cuthbert C. H. A.

Agreeable to the said resolve Joseph Clay and Philip Box Esqrs. attended the Board and qualified as Magistrates for the County of Chatham.

Tuesday 11th October 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	Samuel Miller
Chesley Bostwick	John Fulton
John Lindsay	John Keebler.

His honor the Governor laid before the Board two letters received by the Polly Flag of Truce from Saint Augustine, one from Governor Tonyn, and the other from Captain Elphinston, and his answers to the same which were agreed to by the Board.

Thursday 15th October 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	John Keebler
John Lindsay	John Fulton
David Lewis	Samuel Miller.

Two petitions of John Wereat Esqr Continental Agent were laid before the Board, the one respecting the Brig Huschinbrook; and the other the Walenry Brig both taken by the Gallies in this state.

Ordered. That they be referred to the House of Assembly.

ORDERED. That thursday next be the day appointed for making enquiry, and taking into consideration the matters referred to this Board by resolve of Congress between John Wereat Esq[r] Continental Agent and Colo[s] Elbert and White and that the parties have notice thereof.

ORDERED. That the Treasurers do pay to Samuel Miller Esq. Member of this Board £42. for his attendance in Council—Also John Keebler £134. for his attendance; And also, David Lewis £10. for his attendance.

Monday October 19th 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Charles Kent	Chesley Bostwick
John Freeman	David Lewis.

A letter to His Excellency Governor Tonyn inclosing a list of persons mentioned in the Bill of Attainder and Confiscation; also a letter from the Governor to Thos. Forbes Esq[r] Commissioner for the exchange of prisoners from Governor Tonyn, demanding Francis Crosby to be delivered up, he having deserted from the Service of this State, were laid before the Board and agreed to.

Thursday October 22nd 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	David Lewis
John Lindsay	Holman Freeman
John Fulton	Charles Kent
Chesley Bostwick.	

John Wereat Esq. and Colonels Elbert and White having attended agreeable to order of the . . day of Oct. instant by their Consel, the hearing of the matter was postponed by the consent of the parties till next Monday week.

Resolved. That it be recommended to the Honbl. House of Assembly to pass a vote authorizing and directing this Board to draw an order upon the Treasury for £5000. or upwards in favor of Willm Downer Esquire to enable him to . . . . .

Wednesday 27th October 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Charles Kent	Chesley Bostwick
John Lindsay	Holman Freeman
David Lewis	John Fulton.

The several pay-rolls of the Militia of the County of Chatham being delivered in

ORDERED—That the same be referred to the Honbl. House of Assembly; and that they be requested to order immediate payment thereof, the men assigning their not being paid, as a reason for not doing duty when called upon; particularly in respect to the Town Patrol, lately ordered by this Board.

The following were sent up from the Honbl. House of Assembly.

GEORGIA.

House of Assembly, Oct. 24th 1778.

RESOLVED, That John Howard be appointed to purchase provisions in the County of Richmond; and that he receive a sum not exceeding five thousand pounds, for that purpose and that he store the same in Augusta, Brownsboro and Wrightsborough as may be most convenient, or in such other place as his honor the Governor shall hereafter direct; and that he give security to be accountable for the same, to the Governor and Council.

RESOLVED—That William Downes be appointed to purchase provisions in the County of Wilkes, and that he receive a sum, not exceeding five thousand pounds, for that purpose; and that he give security to the Governor and Council, to be accountable for that sum; the said provision to be stored in such place or places as shall be most safe and convenient, or as the Governor and Council shall direct.

Extract from the Minutes

GEORGE CUTHBERT C. G. A.

House of Assembly, October 26th 1778.

RESOLVED, That Richard Guinn, for the County of Chatham; John Wynn Senr. for the County of Liberty, Benjamin Lanier, for the County of Effingham, and Daniel McMurphy, for the County of Burke; be appointed to purchase provisions, to be

stored in such place or places as may be most convenient or safe; or as the Governor and Council shall direct, that they each receive a Sum not exceeding five thousand pounds, for that purpose; and give security to his honor the Governor, to be accountable for that sum.

Resolved—That Honor the Governor be requested to give such instructions to the persons appointed by this House of Assembly, to purchase and store up provisions in the different Counties as he shall think proper; and that in case of the death, resignation, neglect or refusal of any of the said persons to act His honor the Governor be hereby authorized and empowered to appoint other persons, to act in their room.

Ordered That the persons appointed in each County to purchase provisions, do make return monthly to His honor the Governor, of the provisions they have purchased, and where they have stored the same; and also produce their vouchers to the Governor, or such other persons as shall be, by him appointed, of the expenditure of the public money, paid for the purchase of said provisions.

Extract from the Minutes

George Cuthbert C. G. A.

Resolved, That particular instructions be drawn up for each of the said Commissioners respectively to regulate their conduct the said business. that the fittest places for Magazines in each County be pointed out; and that proper security be taken from each of the said Commissioners for the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in them pursuant to the said resolves of Assembly; and that Richard Wylly, Charles Kent, and Chesley Bostwick Esqrs. be a Committee to prepare and report fully to this Board on this business, who are also to see the said security given as aforesaid.

The Committee appointed to draw up instructions for the gov-

ernment of the persons nominated by the Honorable House of Assembly to purchase provisions for the use of the State, and to report on the other matters referred to therein respecting the said purchases; do report,

That in order to procure the different kinds of provisions which are wanted, on the most reasonable terms your Committee propose the following mode.

That the Commissioners for Chatham and Liberty Counties, do purchase the quantity of rice necessary for the different counties at such plantations as shall be most convenient for land or water carriage there to remain until wanted. That the Commissaries for Effingham, Burke, Richmond and Wilkes Counties, do purchase and Store as hereafter mentioned; pork, flour and contract for live cattle, corn and peas to be delivered when called for. Pork to be salted in the proper season, and stored as well as flour at the following places viz, at Ebenezer, Telfairs, Tenats, Lawsons Fort, New-Savannah, Colemans, Heards & Dennises Forts, Augusta and Wrightsborough. Your Committee are further of opinion, that in order to prevent frauds and abuses, inspectors should be appointed in each County whose business shall be, to examine all provisions purchased, and report to His honor the Governor thereon, also to transmit to him monthly all vouchers received from the Commissaries. Your Committee beg leave also to report, that they have enquired the prices at which the following articles may be purchased, and to which they think the Commissaries should be limited.

Rice 15/. to 17/6^{d} per 100^{w}. Pork, we are informed the Continental Commissaries give from —— —— —— ——

Flour 20 to 40 dollars per 100^{lbs}.

Steers from 2 to 3 years old not exceeding £25.

From three years and upwards not exceeding £30.

Corn ten shillings per bushel.

Peas, fifteen shillings per bushel.

Your Committee are further of opinion that the Commissaries be directed to purchase all such corn as may be brought into the Forts and places before mentioned at the expense of the proprietors, in preference to any others.

ORDERED—That a copy of the said instructions be delivered each of the said Commissaries by the Clerk of this Board at the time he shall receive draft on the Treasury for the money provided by Assembly for him.

RESOLVED. That the Inspectors of provision purchased by the Commissaries be as follows—For the County of Chatham Joseph Dunlap—for Liberty, John Kell—Effingham, Charles McKay; Burke, Devereux Jarret and Roger Lawson—Richmond, Isaac Low and Britain Dawson; Wilkes, Thomas Lee and Stephen Heard.

Tuesday November 3d 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	Charles Kent
Chesley Bostwick	John Lindsay
John Fulton	David Lewis.

ORDERED That Joseph Woodruff Esq. be appointed Commissary of prisoners for this State; and that it be recommended to the House of Assembly to provide a suitable salary for him.

ORDERED—That the Treasurers do pay Samuel Sterk Esquire £167.10 being for the like sum advanced by him to purchase six barrels of flour for the late Flag of Truce from St Augustine to this State; that the province of East Florida be debited therewith, and that the Commissary of prisoners do keep an account of the same.

An Affidavit and certificate were laid before the Board by Thomas Lee relative to a caveat entered against him by John Dooly which had been heard twice before the President and Council, and given in his favour; and that the said John Dooly still keeps possession of the land and absolutely refuses to deliver the same up to him,

ORDERED—That the affidavit and certificate be transmitted to the Assistant Justices of the County of Wilkes, and that they or a majority of them do make a record of forcible detainer by the said John Dooly, and issue process to put the said Thomas Lee in possession of his land.

Wednesday, November 4th 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

William Maxwell	Chesley Bostwick
Holman Freeman	John Lindsay
John Fulton	David Lewis.

In pursuance of a resolve of the Honbl. House of Assembly of this day,

It is Ordered, that the Commissaries appointed to buy up and store provisions in different parts of this State do follow the instructions already given them from this Board; and that the allowance of the said Commissaries for their trouble on articles not provided for, by the House, be as follows—Corn, three pence per bushel; Peas, four pence per do.

Whereas, in consequence of the late expedition, the alarming situation of matters in the back part of this state for some months past, many persons have been necessitated to let their warrants for lands lapse.

It is Therefore Ordered, That all such persons whose warrants are so lapsed, have three months from this day to pass or carry the same through the proper Offices; And the Surveyor General, and other Officers, are ordered to govern themselves accordingly.

Monday November 16th 1778.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

John Fulton	Chesley Bostwick
Samuel Miller	John Lindsay

The following resolve was sent up from the House of Assembly,

Georgia.

House of Assembly, November 15th 1778.

Resolved, That the letter written by Oliver Bowen Esq. to

His honor the Governor, dated the 13th instant, is a high contempt of the Executive authority of this State, and that His honor the Governor, be requested to suspend the said Oliver Bowen from a Command and employ within this State.

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GEORGE CUTHBERT C. G. A.

in pursuance of which resolve,

It is Ordered, That the said Oliver Bowen Esq. be and he is hereby suspended from a Command or employ within this State; And it is further ordered, that the said Oliver Bowen and the several Captains of the Gallies within this State, be served with a copy of this resolve, together with the above from the Honbl. the House of Assembly.

Wednesday November 19th 1778.

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

R. Wylly John Lindsay
John Fulton

The Governor laid before the Board several dispatches, which he had received from Congress, containing intelligence of the enemys intended embarkation at New York, and that it was apprehended they were destined against these Southern States.

RESOLVED—That at least one-third of the powder and lead now lying in Savannah, ought to be immediately sent up to Ebenezer and there lodged in the magazine.

ORDERED—That the artillery belonging to the State, be immediately put into the best condition, and if necessary, that new carriages be procured for the same; And that it be recommended to the Commanding Officer of the Continental Troops in Savannah to place a guard of as many men as he can well spare, in the battery below the Town.

RESOLVED. under the present alarming situation of matters, it is necessary that every exertion be used to man the Gallies; and that therefore, Captain Newdigate be directed to go immediately down to Charlestown and endeavour to recruit men; and that he return again with all possible speed—

And it Further Ordered. that Capt. Newdigate have a draft on the Pay-Master of the Gallies for £250. in Continental money; he to be accountable for the expenditure thereof; And that the Treasurers do enable the said Pay-Master to answer the said draft.

ORDERED—That James Thompson have leave to be absent from the State for six months; and Captain Young of the Artillery having also shewn that he had leave from his commanding officer to be absent for three months this Board agreed to the same.

ORDERED That the Treasurers do advance to Capt. Jas. M^c^Lean who hath for some time past acted as a Commissary in the County of Wilkes; and hath large amounts against the public, the sum of £3000. in part of his said demands; he to give bond with security to be accountable for the same in the settlement of his account.

Wednesday 25th November 1778.

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	John Lindsay
John Fulton	Chesley Bostwick

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to Chesley Bostwick Esq. the sum of sixty six pounds, the amount of his account for attendance in Council.

RESOLVED. Pursuant to a recommendation of Congress, of the 2d of October last past, that the embargo on provisions, which by resolve of the 8th of June last was laid until the 15th instant, be continued in force, subject to such exceptions as are recommended by resolve of the 2d September, till the last day of January next; or until such time as Congress shall give notice to the respective States, that insufficient supplies have been obtained for the operations of the army, and for the French Squadron.

And it is further ordered, that this resolve be duly published in the next Gazette; and that every Measure be taken for the due observance of such embargo, within this State.

Wednesday 2d December 1778.

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

John Fulton	John Lindsay
David Lewis	Richard Wylly

Resolved, That James Whitfield be appointed Secretary of the State, until the next General Election of officers in the room of James Maxwell Esq. who hath resigned.

Whereas, by resolve of the Honble. the House of Assembly of the 15th day of November last past, the Governor was requested to suspend Oliver Bowen Esq. from all command and employ within this State, which was accordingly done by order of Council of the 16th day of November last past.

And Whereas, by another resolve of the said House of Assembly of the said 16th day of November the Governor was further requested to refer the said Oliver Bowen Esqr to a proper tribunal for his trial; whereupon

It is Resolved, as the opinion of this Board, that the only proper and competent tribunal, before which the said Oliver Bowen can be tried, under the peculiar circumstances in which he stands, is the Honorable House of Assembly of this State, by whom he was appointed, and to whom he is accountable agreeable to the 49th Section of the Constitution.

Whereas, it appears the Commissaries appointed by the last House of Assembly to purchase provision in the several Counties in this State, cannot procure pork and corn at the prices limited by this Board

It is Therefore Ordered. That the said Commissaries be allowed and permitted to go as far as £12. per hundred W^t for Pork, and 12/6 per bushel for corn if they cannot be had for less; and that the Commissary General of purchases of the Continental forces in this State be made acquainted with this order.

WHEREAS, by the late Militia law passed on the .. day of November last past it is directed that new elections for Officers of the militia be held throughout the State, within two months from the passing of the said law.

It is Therefore Ordered, the several Colonels, or other Commanding Officers of regiments within the several Counties, do cause such elections to be held at the usual places, within the time limited by the said law; and that due notice thereof be given by them before the holding of such elections.

And it is Further Ordered, that the Clerk of this Board do immediately furnish each of the said Colonels or other Commanding Officers as aforesaid with a copy of this order by express, if no safe opportunity shall otherwise offer, and also of the law as soon as the same can be procured from the Printer, at public charge.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to David Lewis forty eight pounds, being the amount of his account for his attendance in Council.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to Adam Eurick Messenger to this Board, fifty pounds, being in part of his Salary.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to Robert Gray, doorkeeper to this Board fifty pounds, being in part of his Salary.

Friday 17th December 1778.

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Samuel Miller	David Lewis.
John Lindsay	John Keebler.

The Governor informed the Board, that he had upon the application of Mr. Galphin, Col. Rae and Col. McMurphy advanced to Mr. Belcher £1500. to enable him to supply some articles indispensably necessary for the Indians, well disposed towards us.

Resolved, that this Board do approve of the same as done by the Governor.

Resolved, upon application of a number of the inhabitants of Liberty County, that William Watson be appointed Sheriff of the said County until the next General Election in the room of Samuel Moncock deceased.

Resolved—That it is expedient and necessary that the Honorable Major General Lincoln should be fully informed of the true situation of matters in this State, and how essentially requisite it is, that some vigorous and decisive measures should be taken for our defence against the incursions of our Southern neighbors. And it is impossible to make so full and clear a representation of matters by letter as will be necessary and proper; Therefore,

Resolved, That Lyman Hall and George Walton Esqrs., be requested to go immediately down to Charlestown to confer with, and give in a true statement of things to the said Majr General Lincoln.

And it is Further Ordered, that in case the said Lyman Hall and George Walton will undertake this business, they shall be allowed their expenses.

WHEREAS, the Honbl. House of Assembly have left the fixing of salaries to the Officers of this Board, to the Board itself, therefore

RESOLVED, That the said salaries be as follow. To the Clerk, £600. To the Messenger, £300. To the Door keeper £300.

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board, that Philip Delegal, Esq. hath in a late instance, when a plundering party landed on the Island of Skidoway, acted in a manner highly improper, and which gives room to suspect him of not being well disposed to the State.

It is Therefore Ordered. That the said Philip Delegal do immediately appear before this Board to answer for his conduct to be dealt with according to law. And it is further ordered, that his honor, the Chief Justice, be informed of this matter; and that he do take the necessary steps for procuring proof and other ways dealing with the said Philip Delegal as he shall appear to deserve—

Monday, December 21st 1778.

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

John Lindsay	Samuel Miller
David Lewis	John Keebler.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to the Commanding Officer

of the Guard in company in Effingham County forty five pounds, five shillings and eight pence, being the amount of two pay-rolls for duty done by order of Colo. Treutler.

ORDERED, That the keeper of public salt in Savannah do deliver to Mr. Lucena, Executor of Peter Larien, two hundred and twenty bushels of salt, the same being in lieu of that quantity lent the public in Sunbury as appears by a certificate and other vouchers, produced by the said Mr. Lucena.

ORDERED, That the powder receiver in Savannah, do deliver to Mr. Sheffelle two hundred weight of gun-powder out of the Magazine, it appearing by affidavit of the said Chifflle that he lodged that quantity in said Magazine, in the lifetime of the former Powder-Receiver, and hath never since had the same returned.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to Samuel Sterk, thirty four pounds, seven shillings and six pence, for countersigning of and filling up Militia Commissions.

Philip Delegal Esqr having attended the Board agreeable to order,

ORDERED. That this matter be adjourned for further consideration.

And the said Philip Delegal gave his parole not to depart Town without leave.

Tuesday, December 22d 1778.

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	Charles Kent
Samuel Miller	David Lewis
John Lindsay	John Keebler.

The Governor informed the Board, that being applied to General Williamson for an advance of £5000. to Mr. George Whitefield to enable him to purchase and lay in provision for the use of the Carolina Militia; when they come over to the defence of this State; and that the Governor, not being able to convene a Council, had accordingly granted him the said advance

RESOLVED That the Board approve the same.

Upon the petition of Thomas Ross praying to be appointed Vendue-Master,

RESOLVED, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

December 23d 1778.

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Samuel Miller	John Lindsay
John Keebler.	David Lewis

Edward Davies waited on the Board and qualified as Auditor General to this State.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to Samuel Miller Esq. £343. 14. 1. the said sum being advanced by him to the Commissioners of trade for the town of Sunbury, and ordered to be paid out of the sum provided by the House of Assembly for carrying on their trade.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay to Adam Euick £11. 17. in full of his account for Candles, firewood &c. supplied the Board.

December 26th 1778.

The Board met

Present

His honor the Governor

Richard Wylly	John Lindsay
David Lewis	John Keebler.

WHEREAS, the Board did on the 17th day of December instant direct and order, that an election of Militia Officers, throughout the State under the late law should be held on such day (within two months from the passing of the said law) as the former Colonel or other Commanding Officer should appoint. And whereas, there hath been in the County of Chatham an election for Captains and Subalterns for the several Companies, And the election of Field Officers is directed to be held, by Colonel Walton on Thursday next. And whereas, under the present alarming situation of affairs, great inconveniences may arise in case an attack should be made before the Field Officers for the said County shall be elected in that the new elected Captains, and Subalterns, may, and do contend that the old Field Officers have no right to command them under their former Commissions

It is Therefore Resolved, That notwithstanding the said former order of Council, the election of Field-Officers for the said regiment of Chatham County, come on and be held on the present day

at three O'Clock in the afternoon by all such persons as have a right to vote at the same pursuant to the said law. And that notice thereof be immediately given by advertisement throughout the Town, it being apprehended no inconvenience can arise from so short a notice; as most, if not all, the Officers having a right to vote are now in Town; and great inconveniences may, in the present times happen from doubts or disputes arising upon the subject.

ORDERED, That the Hinchen brook under the Command of Capt. Pray, and the Sloop commanded by Capt. Hague be immediately taken into public service, and the Council approve of a plan and proposals to Capt. Pray, and a letter to Capt. Hague written by the Governor this morning on the subject.

The Town of Savannah being taken by the British Troops, on the twenty eighth of December put a final end to public business of a civil nature.

GEORGIA. January 8th 1779.

The members chosen on the seventh of this instant by the Honorable House of Assembly, for a Council of this State, met at the House of Mathew Hobson in Augusta, and proceeded to the choice of a President. And adjourned till the meeting of the next Convention.

GEORGIA. January 9th 1779.

Agreeable to resolve of Convention of the Representatives of the State of Georgia in Assembly met, which resolve is as follows viz,

RESOLVED. That the members chosen for a Council or a majority thereof, act as a Committee, empowered by this convention, to recommend every thing they may think expedient in the place

of a Council for this State, until the Convention meet again to cloath them with power to act as an Executive Council.

Agreeable to said resolve we proceeded as follows viz, that taking into consideration our present distressed situation, find that we are not able to defend ourselves without an immediate supply of cash, therefore have made a draft which will appear by copies of letters taken.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Chairman and Humphry Welles Esqr wait on Mr. Wilson and Col^o Greirson to consult these Gent. about guarding their fort.

Mr. Chairman and Humphrey Wells Esquire made a report that they waited on the said Gentlemen, who chearfully agreed to appropriate the use of their Forts for the good of the public and agreed that they might be immediately Garrisoned. It is therefore recommended to the Commanding Officer, to Garrison said Forts immediately; and also do his endeavor to have all the Canon collected together; and what is not in immediate action to be secured in some Fort. Also, it is further recommended that the Commanding Officer give orders to the Commissary to supply those of the Militia, on duty that have horses, with provender until a Quarter Master be appointed for said purpose.

It is recommended to the Commanding Officer of the Town of Augusta, that he take particular notice of all those persons that have moved their property and do not return to defend this State in her present distress; and make a proper return of them to this Committee so that they may know how to distinguish between the brave and cowardly, in order that they may be dealt with, at a future day according to their merit.

ORDERED That Major Martin be summoned to answer for his past conduct.

The Committee then adjourned till to-morrow morning ten O'Clock.

Sunday January 10th 1779.

The Committee met according to adjournment, and proceeded to take into consideration an Express received from Colº Mᶜ Murphy of Burke County; which Express is as follows.

Burke County Court House 9th Janʸ 1779.

Dʳ Sir,

Colº Pugh, agreeable to the orders of your honorable House of Assembly, ordered a general Muster; few has as yet met, I believe owing to a meeting ordered by the enemies of the United States for we are told that one Scruggs, brought up a proclamation from Colº Campbell, Commander of the Kings Troops, and there was yesterday upwards of two hundred of that party met, and they have agreed for to send the proclamation privately through the Country for to have the contents agreed to. And Colº John Thomas and some others is actually gone to the Kings Troops as we suppose for to solicit their protection. For God's sake send us immediate assistance, least the friends to the State fall a sacrifice to the vengeance of the diabolical enemy. I believe we could raise a majority in our favour could we have assistance immediately. I had a talk with some of the head men from the Creek-Nation which is more favorable than you have heard, excuse me not sending you a copy as I am all confusion. and am Dʳ Sir

Your most obᵗ & Most humbˡ Serᵗ

Danˡ Mᶜ Murphy

The above approved of by us

John Fulton
Francis Pugh
Henry Jones
William Barron

And maturely considering the said Express, it is recommended that the Commanding Officer raise all the Militia he can and after leaving proper guards, in the Forts before mentioned repair with the remainder of the Troops and some Cannon to join our good friends in Burke County and there consult the Officers of that County where it may be most expedient to raise a standing Camp for their safety, and then proceed against our enemies and the disaffected people of this, and the United States, as they may think most expedient; and that Col° Mc Murphy be requested to act as Commissary to provide all necessary provisions for the militia after they are embodied in that County, as he has heretofore had money lodged in his hands for the use of this State—It is recommended to the commanding Officer to hire a horse to carry the express to Col° M^c^Murphy, and if one cant be hired, that there should be one pressed with all expedition.

Whereas, Mr. Bonner Commissary has made information that there is a great need of salt for the use of the public, and that a certain Benjamin Bowers has a quantity lodged at Mr. Hicks which he has offered to sell him. We therefore, recommend that Mr. Bonner take as much of the said salt as may be wanting for our present necessity, and make a just return thereof.

Mr. George Philips is employed to go with the above mentioned express to Col° M^c^Murphy under promise from this Committee that he shall be well compensated in future.

Major Martin appeared according to summons and gave such excuse as made full satisfaction for his not appearing at a certain alarm that was fired the other night.

It is recommended that the commanding Officer appoint a Quarter Master, and that if they cannot hire waggons, and horses they press for the present expedition.

The Committee then adjourned till ten O'Clock to-morrow—

Monday 11th January 1779.

Met according to adjournment

It is recommended that all the Militia Officers act until the new election take place, specified by a late Militia Law.

It is recommended to the Commanding Officer to take a Surgeon; and that Humphry Wells Junr be employed on this occasion, if it be agreeable to him, and take medicines with him; and bring in his charge at a future day.

Wrote a letter to General Lincoln and took a Copy.

Just received intelligence by the person appointed by the Chairman agreeable to order of the late convention which is transmitted to writing and delivered to Mr. Chairman.

The Committee adjourned till 10 O'Clock to-morrow.

Tuesday 12th January 1779.

The Committee met according to adjournment; and adjourned till 11 O'Clock to-morrow

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Wednesday 13th January.

The Committee met according to adjournment. And received a letter from Colo Ingram, wrote an answer and took a copy. And adjourned till 10 O'Clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday 14th January.

The Committee met according to adjournment Took into consideration a lttter received from Col° Ingram last night, part of which was a request for some Continental money. The Committee considered that he could not well do without, borrowed one thousand dollars of Col° Marbury to whom they made themselves liable in behalf of the Public, that it shall be paid in one month or sooner, if public money should come into their hands; which was sent to Col° Ingram as will appear by a receipt given by his Express for said sum of money. Also sent Col° Ingram a letter and took a Copy, in answer to his letter we received last night by his Express.

The Committee adjourned till 11 O'Clock to-morrow morning.

Friday January 15th

The Committee met according to adjournment.

Sundry persons to the number of twenty eight going to our Camp in Burke County applying for ammunition,

Ordered, That they be supplied with one quarter of a pound of powder and half a pound of lead each.

It being represented that the Fort, containing our ammunition, was not sufficiently guarded,

Ordered, That the guard be reinforced.

The Committee then adjourned till 10. O'Clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday 16th January 1779.

The Committee met agreeable to adjournment.

Taking into consideration an Express from Colº Ingram, wrote him an answer and took a copy. In consequence of which it was agreed to meet to-morrow and send an Express to Genl. Lincoln.

The Committee then adjourned till 9 O'Clock to-morrow.

Sunday January 17.

The Committee met according to adjournment.

Wrote a letter to General Lincoln, took a Copy and enclosed him some copies of our Military proceedings sent us by Colº Ingram,

The Committee then adjourned till 9 O'Clock to-morrow.

Monday January 18.

The Committee met according to adjournment.

And adjourned till 12. O'Clock to-morrow.

Tuesday January 19.

The Committee met agreeable to adjournment And received by the return of the Express which was sent to General Lincoln and

others, for Money, by the hands of Edmund Bugg; And received four thousand Continental dollars sent by John Houston Esquire.

January 21st 1779. The Members chosen for the Executive Council met according to adjournment, and closing the poll of said election, it appeared that William Glascock Esquire was chosen President, who was then qualified by the Speaker, and proceeded with the Council to business—

Friday January 22nd The Council Met, and paid Abram Spears two hundred and seven Continental dollars which they had contracted with him, for riding an Express; Also paid Colº Marbury one thousand dollars, that they borrowed for the use of Colº Ingram.

Sunday January 24th The Council met, and agreeable to a resolve of the honorable House of Assembly dated January 23rd we have purchased one hundred and thirty seven bushels and a half of Salt, for which, we paid three thousand and twenty five Continental dollars, two hundred and thirty two of which was borrowed from John Walton Esq.

The Council then appointed John Wilkinson to be their Clerk, And Daniel Danielly to be Messenger.

January 26th The Council met,— A return being made from the County of Wilkes for Officers elected for said County Viz,

John Dooly, Colonel; Elijah Clark, Lieutenant Colonel; and Burwell Smith Major; Commissions were accordingly made out and delivered.

January 27th The Council met.

Inclosed, in a letter to Capt Barnet (copy taken) the copy of the resolve of the late House of Assembly, requesting him to draft his Militia.

January 28th The Council met.

WHEREAS, this State is at this time, in the utmost distress for cash to answer sundry purposes, and Daniel Wallcon informing this Board that he is in debt to the public, paid three hundred and seventeen pounds, ten shillings Sterling, under a promise that it should be good for so much against his bond, he has given to the public.

January 29th The Council met.

ORDERED, That Colo Rae be requested to move all the Cannon from Mr. Wilsons Fort, the small, to his own Fort, and the large, to Colo Hammonds; likewise all the ammunition in the Magazine at said Mr. Wilsons Fort, to his own.

WHEREAS, this State is at this time in the utmost distress for cash to answer sundry purposes, and Daniel Wallicon informing this Board that he is in debt to the public; paid five hundred and twenty pounds, sixteen shillings and six pence sterling. under a

promise that it shall be good for so much against his bond, he has given to the public.

March 28. Agreeable to an order of Council formerly made for paying Mr. Asa Emanuel, for riding an Express from Augusta to General Lincoln, and paid him the sum of fifty pounds sterling and took his receipt for the same.

Thursday June 17. The Council met, and took into consideration General Lincolns recommendation to the inhabitants of the State of Georgia, and recommended to Col° Dooly to put it in execution.

Wednesday June 23rd The Council met.

Made out a Commission for John Twiggs Esq. for Col° of Burke County, bearing date the 26th day of January last past.

A return being made from the County of Richmond and Augusta District, for Field Officers elected for the lower battalion viz George Wells, Colonel; George Wyche Lieutenant Colonel. & Daniel Wallicon, Major; Commissions were made out & delivered, bearing date the fifteenth day of June 1779.

Friday June 25. The Council met,

Made out instructions and orders for Col° Dooly, for this expedition.

Saturday June 26th The Council Met.

It is recommended by this Council to Colº Dooly, as soon as he can have an opportunity, to order Colº Baker, with all his men under his Command to join him.

It is also, recommended, that all prizes taken by the Militia now acting in this State, under the command of the said Colº Dooly, should be disposed of as recommended by His Excellency General Lincoln; and that all share alike in all prizes taken by any part or parties of the present detachment: provided nevertheless, that if any effects be taken wherein there may be a probability that such effects does not belong to the person or persons which they are taken from, at the time of taking them, that they shall not be disposed of till they are ten days published or advertised in Main Camp, so that if they should belong to a friend of the States; they may have an opportunity of getting their property on paying one sixth part of the value thereof. And it is our opinion that Colº Baker as well as all other forces now in arms in this State is, and has been under the Command of Colº Dooly ever since his appointment of Colº Commandant.

Issued orders for one Delegate to be chosen to represent us in Congress, as per copy taken.

Monday June 28. The Council met.

Made out a proclamation for property taken in this State by individuals, to bring and deliver the same to Peter Parriss in Augusta, who is appointed to receive it, and take care of it till further orders; As per Copy taken.

John Graham and Thomas Carter, Gentlemen from the County of Wilkes, attended and was qualified as Magistrates for the said County.

Tuesday June 29. The Council met.

George Walton and Dionsious Oliver, Gentlemen from the County of Wilkes, attended and was qualified as Magistrates for the said County.

Thursday July 1st The Council met.

Took into consideration a letter from Colº Dooly, and the proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held at Butlers Creek on the 30th day of June last, enquiring into the conduct of Colº George Wells; and maturely considering the matter, it appears by the first article, Section 17th of the Continental Articles of war; also by the express words of the late Militia Act of this State, which refers to the continental articles of war for the rule of conduct to govern the militia by, when on duty: that that matter does in no wise come before this Board.

Ordered, That George Walton, Thomas Carter, John Graham & Dionisious Oliver, Gent. or any two of them do superintend an election to be held at or near Spirit Creek, on the Second July, for the choice of one Delegate to represent this State in Congress, agreeable to an order heretofore made, and make a return thereof.

Made out and delivered a Captains Commission for Moody Burt, bearing date the twenty sixth day of January last, for the Augusta upper Company.

Sunday July 4th The Council met and made out a Lieutenant Colonels Commission for William Few Esq. of the upper regiment, in Richmond County.

Saturday July 10. The Council met and wrote a letter to the Honorable the President of the Continental Congress, informing him of our present State; likewise another to Genl. Lincoln as per copies taken.)

STATE OF GEORGIA }
RICHMOND COUNTY }

WHEREAS, from the invasion of the British forces in this State, great evils have arisen, and still exist to disturb the civil government of the said State, and which, in a great measure, have prevented the Constitution of the land, from being carried into such full effect as to answer the purposes of government therein pointed out. And Whereas, it becomes incumbent and indispensably necessary at this juncture to adopt such temporary mode as may be most conducive to the welfare, happiness and security of the rights and privileges of the good people of the said State, and the maintenance and existence of legal and effective authority in the same, as far as the exigence of affairs require; until a time of less disquiet shall happen and the Constitution take its regular course,—To the end therefore, that government may prevail and be acknowledged, to prevent as far as may be, anarchy and confusion from continuing among us, and fully to support the laws of the land derived under the Constitution thereof,

We therefore, the Representatives of the people of the Counties of Wilkes, Richmond, Burke, Effingham, Chatham, Liberty, Glynn and Camden and other free men of the State, having convened and met in the County of Richmond, in the State aforesaid, for the purposes of considering the present disturbed situation of this State; and for applying as far as in our power some remedy thereto, and having maturely and seriously considered the same, do recommend that the following persons be appointed by the good people of this State to exercise the supreme authority thereof, who shall before they enter on the execution of their Office

take the following Oath, vz. I, A. B. elected one of the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Georgia, do solemnly swear, that I will during the term of my appointment to the best of my skill and judgment, execute the said office faithfully and conscientiously without favor, affection or partiality; that I will to the utmost of my power, support, maintain and defend the State of Georgia, and use my utmost endeavours to support the people thereof, in the secure enjoyment of their just rights, and priviledges; and that I will to the best of my judgement execute justice in mercy in all judgements— So help me God.

And we and each of us, on our parts, as free citizens of the State of Georgia aforesaid: do for ourselves nominate, authorize empower and require you, John Wereat, Joseph Clay, Joseph Habersham, Humphry Wells, William Few, John Dooly, Seth John Cuthbert, William Gibbons Senr and Myrick Davies Esquires, or a majority of you to act as the Executive or Supreme Council of this State and to execute from Tuesday the twenty seventh instant to the first Tuesday in January next, unless sooner revoked by a majority of the freemen of this State; every such power as you the said John Wereat, Joseph Clay, Joseph Habersham, Humphry Wells, William Few, John Dooly, Seth John Cuthbert, William Gibbons Senr and Myrick Davies Esquires or a majority of you shall deem necessary for the safety and defence of the State and the good citizens thereof; taking care in all your proceedings to keep as near the spirit and meaning of the Constitution of the said State as may be. And you the said John Wereat, Joseph Clay, Joseph Habersham, Humphry Wells, William Few, John Dooly, Seth John Cuthbert, William Gibbons sen. and Myrick Davies Esquires or a Majority of you, hereby have full power and authority, and are authorized, empowered and required, to elect fit and discreet persons to represent this State in Congress; and to instruct the Delegates so chosen, in such matters and things as will tend to the interest of this State in particular, and the United States of America in general: the

said delegates taking care from time to time to transmit to you the said Council or other authority of the state, for the time being, an account of their proceedings in Congress aforesaid; to regulate the public Treasury of the said State; to borrow or otherwise negociate loans for the public safety; to regulate the militia, and appoint an Officer, if necessary, to Command; to appoint, suspend and discharge all civil officers if it shall be found expedient; to demand an account of all expenditures of public money; and to regulate the same, and when necessary, order payments of money; to adopt some mode respecting the current money of this State and for sinking the same; to direct and commissionate the Chief Justice of the State or Assistant Justices, or other Justices of the peace and other officers of each County, to convene Courts for the trial of offences cognizable by the laws of the land, in such place or places as you shall think fit, always taking care that trial by Jury be preserved inviolate, and that the proceedings had before such Courts be in a summary way, so that offenders be brought to a speedy trial and justice be amply done, as well to the State as to the individuals. You, or a majority of you, the said Council have full power and hereby are requested on conviction of Offenders to order punishment to be inflicted extending to death; And when objects deserving Mercy shall be made known to you, to extend that mercy and pardon the offence; Remit all fines, Mitigate corporal punishments, as the case may be, and as to you, or a Majority of you shall seem fit and necessary. And you the said Council or a majority of you at all times and places when and where you shall think fit, have hereby full power and competent authority to meet, appoint your own President; settle your own rules; set, consult, deliberate, advise, direct and carry into execution, all and every act, special and general, hereby delegated to you, and all and every such other acts, measures and things as you or a Majority of you shall find expedient and necessary for the Welfare, safety and happiness of the freemen of this State.

And in case any of the persons herein appointed to exercise the supreme authority as aforesaid, shall refuse to act, die, or depart this State, or shall by any other means be prevented from exercising the same, then, and in such case, you, the said Council hereby chosen, or a majority of you shall, and you are hereby authorized, empowered and required to fill up such vacancies by choosing other fit and discreet person or persons to act in his or their room and stead, which person or persons so chosen is or are hereby invested with every power and authority in as full and ample a manner as if they had been appointed by this present instrument in writing.

And we do hereby declare all officers, civil and military, and all persons inhabitants of this State, subject to and amenable to your authority; and will ratify and confirm whatever you may do for, or concerning the public weal, according to the best of your judgement, knowledge and ability; And further we do hereby promise you our support, protection and countenance.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this twenty fourth day of July in the year of Our Lord 1779.

Augusta, Saturday 24th July 1779.

The Supreme Executive Council this day appointed by the Representatives of the people, and consisting of the following persons, viz, John Wereat, Humphry Wells, Joseph Clay, Joseph Habersham, Myrick Davis, John Dooly, William Gibbons, William Few, and Seth John Cuthbert Esquires met at the house of Mr John Wilson at four O'Clock in the afternoon, all the members being present, except Mr. Wereat.

Motion was made and seconded that John Wereat Esquire be appointed President of the Board, but this being objected to

by some of the members, by reason of Mr. Wereats absence, and the uncertainty on this account, of his accepting the appointment; the motion was waved for the present and another substituted that Seth John Cuthbert Esquire be appointed President pro tempore; which was unanimously agreed to, and he took his seat accordingly.

On Motion, the Board was adjourned to Tuesday the 3d of August next.

Tuesday 3d August 1779.

The Supreme Executive Council met at the Church, according to adjournment.

Present

Seth John Cuthbert, President pro. tem.

William Gibbons	Humphry Wells
John Wereat	Myrick Davies

It appearing to the Board that several matters of the greatest importance are necessary to be taken into the most serious consideration, and which require the deliberations of a full Board, and that the present members being but a mere majority and consequently but just eligible to proceed to business; it was unanimously agreed to adjourn to Thursday next at 10. O'Clock in the morning, and the Board was adjourned accordingly.

Thursday 5th August 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment but there not being a sufficient number of Members to make a Board, they adjourned to to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Friday, August 6th 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment

Present, Seth John Cuthbert

John Wereate	William Gibbons Senr
John Dooly	William Few
Humphry Wells Esqre	

A return being made by Colo. Dooly, of the Free Citizens from Wilkes County, Who signed the delegation of the late House of Assembly from that County. It appeared that there were three hundred and three, who signed the same.

Motion being made for choosing a President. When Mr. Wereat being unanimously chosen President of the Supreme Executive Council; having first taken the oath prescribed in the delegation took his seat accordingly.

The other Members of the Supreme Executive Council being present, having likewise taken the oath as prescribed in the delegation took their seats at the Board accordingly.

Motion was made that the Clerk of the Council do take the following oath, of Office, which was unanimously agreed to, and it was administered accordingly viz, I, A. B. do solemnly swear, that I will execute the office of Clerk of the Supreme Executive

Council of the State of Georgia, faithfully and conscientiously to the best of my skill and judgement; and that I will neither directly or indirectly divulge or make known to any person whatsoever, not being a member of the Council, the secrets of the said Council.

Motion was made that those offenders, now in custody, be brought to trial.

ORDERED, That a Court be held in the County of Wilkes at Jacob McLendons in said County, on monday the 16th instant (August) for the trial of offences cognizable by the laws of this State.

ORDERED, That a Court be held in the County of Richmond, at Augusta, on Monday the 23d instant (Augt) for the trial of offenders.

ORDERED, That a copy of the foregoing order be served, by the Clerk, on the Assistant Judges of said Counties, and that they be requested to transmit the same to the respective Sheriffs ordering them to summon a Jury agreeable to the laws of the State.

Adjourned to 3 O'Clock this afternoon.

Met agreeable to adjournment.

Mrs. Gresham having made application to go to Savannah to remain there with her husband, it is the opinion of this Board that her request be granted at such time as the Commanding Officer may think expedient.

WHEREAS, some jealousies, natural to a people tenacious of their liberties, have arisen among some of the citizens of this State respecting the powers of this Board, and whereas, it be-

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hooves the rulers of a free Country, at all times to take every step in their power to give all reasonable satisfaction to the inhabitants thereof, and to put a stop to such jealousies and complaints as may take place. And whereas, the citizens of this State above mentioned conceive, by virtue of the delegation which authorizes this Board to proceed on the Executive Department of Government, they have power to act in the Judicial and Legislative Departments—We do hereby declare and make known to all whom it may concern, that we are not invested with any such Judicial or Legislative powers; And that it never was, nor ever will be our intention to assume to ourselves any such powers by virtue of the above mentioned delegation, and that we neither mean to contravene or destroy the Constitution of the State, which, we think must have due operation whenever a time of less disquiet will admit of its being adequate to the exigencies of Government.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 O'Clock.

Saturday, August 7th 1779.

The Council met agreeable to adjournment

Present

Honorable John Wereat Esqr President

Seth John Cuthbert, William Gibbons Senr
Humphry Wells William Few.
John Dooly Esquires.

Whereas, many of the good citizens of this State whilst in arms defending their just rights and privileges have captured and taken from the enemy, property, which by the laws of arms and Nations is lawful prize. And whereas, many ungovernable and

disorderly persons taking advantage of the distresses of their County, in open violation of law and justice have, by force of arms, and other ways plundered and taken the property of many of the inhabitants of this State under various and illegal pretences to the great injury of this State and good subjects thereof. In order therefore, to discriminate the honest citizen from the plunderer, and that equal justice may done to all,

ORDERED. That all persons whatsoever in whose possession any of the property taken as aforesaid now may be, do within one month from this date render in an account of all such property and by whom taken, to Charles Crawford and David Robertson of Richmond County with the eldest Militia Officer of said County, for the time being, or either of them; and George Walton and Dionisious Oliver of Wilkes County with the eldest Militia officer of said County, for the time being, or either of them; who are hereby appointed Commissioners of claims, and required to set at some convenient place at least once a month, and give notice thereof in their respective Counties, that claimants may know when and where to apply for redress. And the said Commissioners are further required to deliver up to the owners, being friends to the Country, of which the said Commissioners are to be judges, whatever property may appear to them, to be the just right of the said claimants. And whatever property may appear to them to belong to the enemies of the State, they are to keep in their possession, and to report regularly to this Board, an account of their proceedings specifying the property restored or sequestered as above, with the names of all those persons who may prove refractory on the subject, and would endeavour to secrete or detain by violence or any other means, any such property, in order that the contumacious may be punished according to the laws of the land.

Having received information that George Wells has in his possession, a petition of a number of the inhabitants of the lower district in the County of Richmond, which petition was referred to this Board

ORDERED—That the Clerk call upon the said George Wells and demand that he deliver up the same.

WHEREAS, sundry circumstances have occurred to render the holding of the Courts in the Counties of Richmond and Wilkes highly inconvenient and improper at so early a period as was made in the orders of yesterday,

ORDERED therefore, that the Court be held in the County of Wilkes on Monday the 23d instant; and in the County of Richmond on Monday the 30th instant, and that the Clerk give due notification thereof to those whom it may concern.

On Motion, The Board was adjourned to 3 O'Clock on Thursday next.

Thursday August 12th 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned to Friday 9 O'Clock.

Friday August 13th 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present

Hon. John Wereat Esqr President

Seth John Cuthbert	Humphry Wells
William Gibbons	William Few
Joseph Habersham	Myrick Davies.

The two last Gentlemen being duly qualified took their seats.

Daniel Danielly was appointed Messenger, he being allowed twelve dollars a day while on duty for the Council.

RESOLVED—That a Committee of three members be appointed to contract for, and superintend the building of a guard house in Augusta; and that they confer with General McIntosh on the subject.

ORDERED—That Doctor Wells, Mr. Davies and Mr. Cuthbert be that committee.

RESOLVED That a Committee of two Members be appointed to write to the Treasurers of this State requiring their immediate attendance on this Board.

ORDERED—That the President and Mr. Habersham be that Committee.

Adjourned to 4 O'Clock this afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

The Committee appointed to write to the Treasurers, made their report, which was agreed to, and is as follows,

SIR, The inhabitants of this State finding it impossible to convene the House of Assembly, proceeded to the election of a Council to whom they have delegated full powers to proceed on the Executive Department of Government, to appoint Delegates to represent the State in Congress; to call for, and settle the public accounts, advance money for public services &C.

You are required to repair to this place, and bring with you, your accounts and the public money that was in your hands at the time you left Savannah, on or before the first day of September next; and to observe such directions as you shall

receive from this Board, till the next meeting of the House of Assembly.

Resolved—That a letter be wrote to Colo. Marbury requesting him, to bring Nehemiah Wade Esq. one of the Treasurers of this State, with his books and papers, before this Board, which letter is as follows.

Sir,

The Council requests that you will convey the letter herewith delivered you, to Nehemiah Wade Esquire one of the Treasurers of this State, and require him to proceed to this place immediately, with his books, papers and the public money that was in his hands at the time he left Savannah,—If he refuses to pay obedience to the order sent him, you will please to apply to the civil authority of the State of North Carolina to have him apprehended and bring him under a guard.

Adjourned to to-morrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

Saturday 14th August 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present

Hon. John Wereat Esq: President

Seth John Cuthbert
John Dooly
William Few
Myrick Davies.
Humphry Wells
Joseph Habersham
William Gibbons

Complaint being made to the Board, by William Stubly Shirley that he has been plundered of a considerable part of his property, by persons now inhabitants of the State of South Carolina,

and forcibly detained by them in that State. The Board having taken the matter under consideration gave him the following recommendation to the Magistrates of South Carolina.

Complaint being made, to us by the bearer, William Stubly Shirley who is an inhabitant of this State, that he has been plundered of a considerable part of his property by persons, now inhabitants of South Carolina, and which property is forcibly detained from him; We do earnestly recommend to the Justices and other persons in civil authority of South Carolina to assist the said William Stubly Shirley in the recovery of whatever property he make appear to be his and detained as above.

Ordered, That Colo. Few and Mr. Gibbons be a Committee to confer with General M^c^Intosh respecting the movement of the lower battalion of Richmond County and request the General to order them towards the Western frontier, as in the opinion of the Board the regular forces sent down to join Colo. Twiggs will be more than sufficient to cope with the enemy in the neighborhood of briar-creek. And from information upon oath, there is every reason to believe that the Western frontier is in the greatest danger of being invaded by the Savages; and to acquaint the General that this Board do not consider George Wells to be the Commanding Officer of the lower battalion, and request that he will issue his orders to the Lieutenant Colonel or Major until a Colonel shall be legally chosen.

Whereas, it may be absolutely necessary to order the Militia on duty during the recess of this Board, and perhaps at a time when it may not be in the power of the Members to make a Board; and unless the President is invested with sufficient power and authority to answer such necessary purposes, great inconveniences and prejudices may arise to this State.

Resolved—That the President is hereby invested with authority during the recess of this Board, to order out any number

of Militia at such time and place as he may think necessary and expedient for the welfare and safety of the State.

ORDERED—That the lower battalion of Militia in the County of Richmond, be immediately embodied and that they do join Colo. Few, to proceed to the Western frontier.

RESOLVED, that this Board will particularly interest themselves with Congress, General Lincoln and the State of South Carolina, to put the Militia of this State upon the same footing with respect to their pay for past services as the militia of South Carolina have been, since the pay of the Militia of that State has been augmented, and that for the future, they shall be in every respect on the same footing that the Carolina Militia at present are.

ORDERED, That the President, Mr. Habersham, Mr. Cuthbert and Mr. Gibbons be a committee to write letters to the Legislature of South Carolina, General Lincoln and Congress.

The Council adjourned to Monday next 10 O'Clock.

Monday, August 16th 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present, John Wereat Esqr President

Seth John Cuthbert	Joseph Habersham
William Gibbons	Myrick Davies.
Humphry Wells	

A return being made by Humphry Wells Esqr of the free citizens from Richmond County, who signed the delegation of the late House of Assembly, it appeared that there were one hundred and sixty two who signed the same.

The Committee appointed to write letters to the Legislature of South Carolina, General Lincoln and Congress.

Report that they have finished a letter to General Lincoln, and require further time.

ORDERED—That they be allowed a further time and report to the next meeting of the Board.

The Board taking under consideration the letter to General Lincoln, agreed to it after some amendments—which is as follows.

Augusta in Georgia, 18th August 1779.

SIR,

After several fruitless attempts to establish a Government in this State, agreeable to the Constitution thereof, a number of the Members of our Assembly met at this place on the 24th ultimo. but finding themselves inadequate to proceed to business as a House of Assembly, they elected nine persons as a Supreme Executive Council, and delegated to them competent power and authority to act as such. This measure they did not conceive they had sufficient power to establish; but recommended it to the inhabitants of the State, and it has been adopted by a very large majority of them.—

The choice having fallen upon John Wereat, Joseph Clay, Humphry Wells, John Dooly, William Gibbons, Myrick Davies, Joseph Habersham, William Few and Seth John Cuthbert; we beg leave to offer you our sentiments on such matters as may immediately occur to us on the subject of the public distresses of our Country. A considerable part of the State having been in the immediate possession of the enemy ever since its invasion by them, those Counties which have held out against them, have been constantly subject to their incursions and depredations, and of course, the few Militia thereof much harassed with duty; but their spirits have been kept up with the idea of support from the Continent and our Sister State, otherwise we

apprehend a total evacuation would long since have taken place by those who have firmness enough to sacrifice every thing to the cause of America; whilst the wavering would have joined the enemy and assisted them in their operations against Carolina.

The arrival of the advance of General Scots army under Colo. Parker and Major Jamison, at a very critical juncture has had the most salutary effect that could be expected; for it has infused new spirits into the Militia who are now all chearfully under arms to oppose the concerted invasions of the Enemies Irregulars and Indians, who are at this time making different inroads upon us. Genl. M^c^Intosh has sent out a part of the Continental Troops to support our Militia, and we hope that for the present we shall be able to repel the enemy, and to keep them from reaping any considerable advantages from the attempts of small parties; but we presume, Sir, that we need not endeavor to impress your mind with an idea of the feeble resistance we should be able to make, to any serious attempt of the enemy to subjugate the upper parts of the State even with the assistance that General M^c^Intosh can at this time afford us. We believe that it is generally allowed, that unless the enemy are considerably reinforced, they will not make another attempt upon Charleston; and from a variety of circumstances we are lead to hope that they will not receive such reinforcements. Should this be case, there can scarce remain a doubt but that they will aim at a total subduction of Georgia, this fall; for we cannot in reason, suppose that they will keep a considerable body of Troops immured in Savannah, whilst the back Country, so necessary to their quiet and subsistance, as well as to their future designs, remains unconquered. The large quantities of grain, made in the vicinity of this place, and the numerous herds of cattle through all the upper parts of the Country, must be very considerable objects with them; particularly as we know, that they cannot, even now, get sufficient supplies of cattle without coming upwards, and then fighting for them—The frequent skirmishes

of our Militia, with their Irregulars who are employed as drovers, evinces the truth of this observation; and should they gain the upper parts of this State we are bold to assert that Carolina would be in a very dangerous situation—The great defection of the upper parts of that Country is well known, a circumstance on which the enemy found the most sanguine hopes; and we have every reason to believe that they continually receive encouragement from these people, to invade the back Country, nor could the enemy wish for a more favourable situation to be joined by them, than that by Augusta, or any where above it, where the river is shallow and the swamps all passable—

Add to the circumstances already mentioned, which might induce the enemy to progress upwards in force, that of having no obstruction to their intercourse with the Indians is a very capital one, and which will immediately be the case, should they effect an entire conquest of this country; and unless they should do this, their intercourse will be very precarious and uncertain; And we shall always have it in our power to give the most considerable nteruption to it. We think this point worth paying the most particular attention to, as we are informed that Indian goods are now imported at Savannah, and that the Creek Indians have had no late supply from the Florida's. Should the trade from this Country with the Indians be once open and uninterrupted the enemy will find not the least difficulty, whenever they have a mind, in bringing the Savages upon the frontiers of Carolina—

Besides our apprehensions on the above heads, we are fearful, that in case the British Troops should move up this way, the greatest part of the inhabitants, worn out with fruitless opposition, and actuated by the fear of loosing their all, would make terms for themselves; and as the human mind is too apt to be lead by a natural gradation from one step of infamy to another, we have not the least doubt of their joining the enemy against their Countrymen in any other State. But even should the

British Commander not bend his force this way, a great many families, harrass'd and unsupported would remove far Northwardly (for which, they are already thinking of preparing.) And this dangerous migration, nothing but the appearance of support can prevent.

With minds forcibly impressed by the operation of such powerful reasons, we beg leave, Sir, to solicit you in the most serious manner to order General Scott who, we understand, is on his march Southwardly with the rest of his Troops, immediately to this place. We cannot think that the lower parts of Carolina will be endangered by such an order; for we may reasonably presume that the enemy will never penetrate far into that part of the Country while a respectful force remains in their rear, which would be the case if General Scott and his Troops were in Georgia.

The expences incurred by the Militia in the Quarter-Master Generals Department in this State, since the invasion of it, are at present on a very disagreeable footing; individuals are distressed for monies due them by the public; whilst they know not who to apply to for redress. The persons who have had the management of these matters have not been so regular as could be wished in their proceedings, on which account Colo. Wylly thinks he is justifiable in not settling them unless he has particular orders to that purport.

We therefore request that you will direct him to assimilate them as nearly as may be, to the Continental Charges and expences, and to discharge them. The accounts of the late Expedition of Colo. Dooly down the Country, by your orders, are in the same predicament, and equally want settling.

We are particularly struck with the necessity of a measure which we are much at a loss to put in execution—This is the augmentation of the pay of our Militia—it is exceedingly hard on, and discouraging to them, to know that the militia of Caro-

lina receive thirty dollars per month while they get but six, which is so perfect a triffle that they scarcely think it worth receiving. We think, considering the very particular situation of the Country, that they ought to receive this pay, and that it ought to be a Continental expence, and make no doubt but that Congress will see into the expediency of the Measure, and acquiesce accordingly in it, but we have been, unhapily, a long time without a representation in that body; and although we think we are invested with sufficient authority to do this matter, yet the low state of our finances puts it out of our power. We would willingly negociate a loan in behalf of the State if we knew how to obtain it, until delegates, whom we mean to elect, and send off immediately, could arrive at Philadelphia, when it should be repaid in case that Congress should not make it a Continental expence.

We flatter ourselves that you will see fully into the necessity of this step and that you will back our applications to Congress on the subject; and in the meantime request, that you will give us all the advice and assistance in the matter that may lie in your power. At the same time, that we gratefully acknowledge the attention which you have already paid us, we cannot, from a most serious view of our truly alarming situation, refrain from repeating our solicitations with respect to General Scott; and trust that your own good judgment will sufficiently enforce the arguments we have offered, and your impartiality and philanthrophy lead you to do every thing in your power, at least to preserve, the remainder of one of the links of the American Chain.

The Council then adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday August 17th 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present, John Wereat Esquire, President,

Seth John Cuthbert	Jos. Habersham
William Gibbons	Myrick Davies.
Humphry Wells.	

On application from General McIntosh & Doctor Houston D. Y. Surgeon General of the Army, for the use of the Church in Augusta, as a hospital,

Resolved—That the Genl. have leave to make use of the said Church as a hospital, and that Mr. Davies and Mr. Gibbons be a committee to assist in the execution of this business, and that they see that proper care is taken of the pews and other matters belonging to the Church, which it will be necessary to take up.

Whereas, a petition from a respectable majority of the inhabitants of the lower division of Richmond County, was presented to the members of the Assembly convened at Augusta the 24th ultimo, and by them referred to this Board, setting fourth that the election of George Wells as Colonel of that division is undue, and exhibiting a number of charges of a very heinous nature against him; which said petition was delivered by a Member of this Board, to the said George Wells by his desire upon a principle of justice, that every person should be acquainted with the charges laid against him; and tho' since demanded of him, by the Clerk, in consequence of an order from this Board, the said George Wells has refused to return the same.

Resolved—That the said George Wells, by refusing to return the said petition, has, in a great measure, acknowledged the charges set forth against him.

ORDERED. That the said George Wells be not obeyed or respected as the Commanding Officer of the lower division of Richmond County, and that in compliance with the prayer of the aforesaid petition, a new election do take place for a Colonel as soon as convenient; and that in the mean time the Command do devolve on the next Officer in rank.

WHEREAS, by an act of the General Assembly it was pointed out that the division districts of the different companies in the lower battalion of Richmond County, should be ascertained; and agreeable to said act, a Committee was appointed and has laid out the division lines. And whereas, no election has taken place for Officers to Command the different companies agreeable to the said act.

RESOLVED. That each company proceed to choose their Officers as soon as may be convenient; and that Humphry Wells, Charles Crawford, Robert Middleton or any two of them, do give notice and superintend the election of Officers of the three upper companies; and Seth John Cuthbert, Daniel Wallicon Junr & Hugh McGee or any two of them, do give notice and superintend the election of Officers of the two lower Companies; and the Officers so chosen do meet and choose their Field Officers at a time and place that shall be appointed by Humphry Wells, Chesley Bostwick and George Downs or any two of them, and that they superintend said election.

The Council then adjourned to to-morrow morning 9 O'Clock.

Wednesday August 18th 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present, John Wereat Esquire, President

William Gibbons. Myrick Davies.
Humphry Wells Joseph Habershan
Seth John Cuthbert,

The Committee appointed to write to the Governor and Council of Carolina, the Chief Justice of this State & Colo. Hammond, made their report, and the letters being agreed to,

Ordered, that the Clerk do copy the same in the minutes. The Committee also reported an addition to the letter to General Lincoln, which also was agreed to and ordered to be copied.

To the Governor and Council of South Carolina.

Sir, Since the reduction of Savannah and the lower part of this State by the enemy, many attempts have been made to convene the House of Assembly, but from our present situation, and the absence of a majority of the Members a House could not be made to proceed to business. It was therefore recommended to the inhabitants of the State, by the members who met on the 24th ulto. to delegate powers to nine persons to form an Executive Council, which was adopted by a great Majority; and the choice having fallen on John Wereat, Humphry Wells, Joseph Clay, Myrick Davies, Seth John Cuthbert, John Dooly, William Few, Joseph Habersham and William Gibbons, we in consequence of the appointment beg leave to address you.

When the State was invaded at the close of the last year, immediately after the enemy from East Florida had marched through Liberty County, and before we could get a man from the back Country, five days only having passed between their arrival at Tybee, and the taking of Savannah; all the inhabitants

who escaped from the enemy and preserved their fidelity to the cause of America, were obliged to leave the Town and lower parts of the State, hoping Genl. Howe, would have had it in his power to have established a post at Ebenezer till he had been reinforced by General Lincoln; in this, we were greatly disappointed; as a few days after the affair of Savannah, he crossed the river with the remainder of the Troops leaving them no other alternative than either to return and submit to the enemy, or seek a retreat in your State; and though numbers have lost the greatest part of their property, and others the whole, the latter was prefered, in expectation that it would soon be in the power of our Sister State, with the northern Troops to re-establish them in their possessions.

General Howe's precipitate retreat, not only embarrassed the inhabitants about Savannah, but left the back Country entirely open to the ravages of the enemy; and in consequence of their marching up immediately, numbers in the interior parts of the Country were under the absolute necessity of taking protection; others, higher up, had it in their power to cross the river, and join the army under Genl. Williamson.

When the enemy retreated from Augusta, those who had received protection, imagining that they would be deemed traitors, and treated as such, went down with them; to this we impute the cause of so many joining them. Since then, a number of the people of the Counties of Burke, Richmond, and Wilkes under the command of Colonels Dooly, Few and Twiggs, have given repeated proofs of their zealous attachment to the cause of their Country; among others the Militia under the command of Colo. Dooly were very instrumental in defeating a large body of disaffected people from the back parts of your State, commanded by Colo. Boyd, which put a stop, in a great measure; to the enemy receiving the support they expected from thence; and while they were in Johns Island a party from Burke County under the Command of Colo. Twiggs, penetrated as low down as

Ogechee Ferry, within fifteen miles of Savannah, and totally defeated a party of fifty picked regulars; at the same time near three hundred horse, under the Command of Colonel Dooly were on their March down the Country, and in all probability would have effected something of consequence had not a great part of the force of the enemy returned to Savannah.

These exertions of the people of the back Country have greatly exasperated General Provost, who declares he will have nothing unattempted, to ruin them.

We have intelligence on oath, that one Holmes, with three hundred Indians, and a number of white people are now on their march to the frontiers of this State, with an intention to fall on the inhabitants, while parties of the enemies horse and foot are in the neighborhood of Briar Creek to divert our attention in this quarter.

We suppose there yet remains in the upper part of the Country near eight hundred men, who are well affected, but should the enemy penetrate again as far as Augusta we have great reason to fear that the greatest part of them will be obliged to submit. The enemy do not now possess the Country more than twenty five miles above the Town of Savannah; but could they reduce the back parts and have command of the large stocks of cattle that are yet left, together with the great crops of in the vicinity of this place, which will soon be ripe, this part of the Country would become formidable to your State; as well as for the reasons above mentioned, as the ready communication of the enemy with the Indians and the disaffected in your back Country.

For these, and many other reasons, we doubt not, but you will readily afford all the assistance in your power, to circumscribe the enemies limits; or oblige them to abandon the State.

Being reduced to situation that we expected would be our lot whenever the enemy made this State their object, without a legis-

lative body, or the means of raising money, the greatest part of our Militia have received no pay since December last, which has occasioned much dissatisfaction amongst them; We are therefore, induced to apply to you for the loan of sixty thousand dollars for this and other necessary expences, till our Delegates can make application to Congress for support.

We are sorry to inform you, that frequent complaints have been made, of people on the North side of Savannah River crossing into this State and driving off the Stock, indiscriminately both of our friends and enemies, without the least authority for so doing, whereby many good people are greatly injured; And as these plunderers are out of reach of our civil authority, we are induced to make this complaint to you, and are well assured that the State of South Carolina will discountenance such illegal practices.

We are informed that James Lambert, David Russell and .... Ferguson late of this State, and owing allegiance thereto, are in confinement on Board the prison ships at Charleston; the former of these persons, after having been a Member of the House of Representatives of this State, and Commanding a Company of our Militia, is charged with deserting to the enemy, and carrying over his whole company, crimes of a similar nature are alleged against the other two; We therefore request that the said persons may be delivered up to such guard as General Lincoln may order (to whom we have wrote concerning them) that they may be brought to this place in order to take their trials.

To the Chief Justice of the State of Georgia.

Sir, A number of the Members of the House of Assembly met here on the 24th ulto. and not being able to make a House, they recommended to the people, to choose an Executive Council, which recommendation was adopted and nine persons appointed accordingly, by a great majority of the inhabitants of the State,

to whom power was delegated to adjust the public accounts, regulate the Militia, appoint special Courts to be held for the trial of criminal causes; appoint delegates to represent the State in Congress &C.

In consequence of which delegation, a Court is ordered to be held in the County of Wilkes on Monday the 23rd and at Augusta on Monday the 30th Instant; The Council are of opinion that your presence as Chief Justice will be necessary, but as you cannot be in time for the Court in the County of Wilkes, they hope you will not fail to be here by the time the Court is ordered to be held for this County, where you will be more wanted. I am directed by the Board to give you this notice.

To Colonel Hammond

Sir, We are informed that a considerable quantity of Salt, the property of this State, was removed, when the enemy came up to Augusta, to your side of the river and applied under your direction to the use of the Troops of your State. As this is an article, for which, from evident and unavoidable circumstances we are greatly distressed at this time, both on account of our Citizens and the Continental Troops in the State; and as we are informed that you have a considerable quantity of this Article coming up, we shall be particularly obliged to you to spare us an equal quantity; or if this cannot be done, that you will be so kind as to let us know what will be the most expeditious way of getting it replaced, as it will be a great means of preventing discontent in the back Country, and of supporting any Military operations that we may be under the necessity of carrying on.

The report of the Committee with the addition of the letter to General Lincoln being agreed to, is as follows,

We are informed that James Lambert, David Russel and .... Ferguson are on board the prison ships in Charleston, these men were citizens of, and owed allegiance to this State the former

having been a Member of the House of Assembly and a Captain of a company of Militia, is charged with deserting with his whole Company to the enemy, and crimes of a like nature are alleged against the other two. As a Court is about to be held for the trial of criminal causes, we have made application to the State of South Carolina for those persons, and request the favour of you to order a guard to receive them and conduct them to Augusta, that they may be dealt with, according to law.

We have also applied to the Assembly of Carolina for the loan of some money in the present distressed situation of our affairs; if our application shall prove successful, we shall be glad if the money could come with the same guard."

Information being made to this Board, that a set of Mills belonging to Mr. Henderson, who has joined the enemy, and is now within their lines, is at present out of repair; it also being represented to this Board, that if some person was appointed to repair and take care of said Mills, they will be of great service to the Troops and inhabitants in that neighborhood.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Davies, who is now at said Mills, have liberty to repair and take care of the same until further orders.

The Council then adjourned to Friday next 9 O'Clock.

Friday August 20th 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Members present, John Wereat Esquire President

Humphry Wells	Jos. Habersham
William Gibbons	Seth John Cuthbert.

RESOLVED. That Peter Pariss and Chesley Bostwick be added

to the Committee appointed to superintend the election of Officers for the Augusta Company of Militia.

The Council then adjourned to Monday next 9 O'Clock.

Monday August 23d 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present, John Wereat Esquire President

Seth John Cuthbert	William Gibbons
Humphry Wells	Joseph Habersham

Received a letter from Genl. Lincoln, dated 13th day of August, acquainting this Board of his having sent, by John Dennis; Joseph Maddox, Joel Saunders, Thomas Saunders, Abram Sanders and Mordecai Sanders; to take their trials.

Ordered That the President do write to the Magistrates of the upper division of Richmond County to take their recognizances to appear at the next Court to be held for said County.

Received a letter from Colo. Dooly, dated 22d Instant, to which the following is an answer.

Dear Sir, We are very sorry to be informed of your indisposition and that the Indians have been so very troublesome on the frontiers. In this situation of affairs, the Council are of opinion it would not be prudent for you to march any part of your regiment this way. We shall make Genl. McIntosh acquainted with our reasons for countermanding his orders, and in future whenever there is any occasion for the Militia, the Council will order them to be embodied, at present, as your people are out you will take such steps for the defence of the frontiers, as you shall judge best.

The express is in such a hurry to return, that the Council have not had time to determine what ought to be done with respect to enlarging the representation from Wilkes County, however, you may inform the people that every step shall be taken to do them justice in this matter, and if you can possibly attend the Council, towards the latter end of the week or beging of next, we are in hopes you will have it in your power on your return not only to satisfy them respecting this business; but also, about their pay and the salt, for both of which the Council have wrote, and the express that was sent with the letters will return in a few days.

On application to this Board, from Joel Walker, an inhabitant of this State, now a prisoner to the Continental Troops, for liberty to return to his family.

Resolved, That upon his applying to any Magistrate of the State, the said Magistrate shall make enquire into the nature of the crimes for which he is confined, and if such as to be bailable by the laws of the State, that he shall take sufficient bail of the said Walker, for his appearance at Court whenever called upon.

The Council then adjourned to to-morrow morning 9 O'Clock.

Tuesday August 24th 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Members present, John Wereat Esquire President

Joseph Habersham
William Gibbons
Humphry Wells.
Seth John Cuthbert
Myrick Davies.

The President laid before the Board a letter from General Lincoln, dated the 14th instant, which was read in its place and filed.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this Board by Colº Wylly, Deputy Quarter Master General, in the Continental service, that he is ordered by General Lincoln to procure a number of waggons to bring up public stores from Charleston, to this place, and that he has reasons to believe that they cannot be hired at the rates hitherto given, and requests the advice and assistance of the Board with respect to the business.

RESOLVED. Therefore, that it is the opinion of this Board, that twelve dollars and a third per diem, and being found, is a generous price for a waggon and team, and that Colo. Wylly be requested to endeavor to get them at this price; but in case he should not be able to procure them upon those terms,

ORDERED, That he then do impress without loss of time such number as he may deem necessary for the above service.

The Council then adjourned to Thursday next 9 O'Clock.

Thursday 26th August 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present, John Wereat Esquire, President

Seth John Cuthbert
Joseph Habersham
Myrick Davies
William Gibbons
Humphry Wells.

Joseph Clay Esquire, a Member elect, attending the oath was administered to him, and he took his seat accordingly.

Capt. Joshua Inman returned the delegation from Burke County, when it appeared there were thirty two, who signed the same.

RESOLVED. That a Committee be appointed to draw up in-

structions for the Continental Delegates; and to consider of some method for regulating the plunder that has been, or here after shall be taken from the enemy and others.

ORDERED. That the President, Mr. Clay and Col° Habersham, be that committee.

RESOLVED. That this Board will proceed to the election of Continental Delegates on Monday next.

The Council then adjourned to Monday next 9 O'Clock.

Monday August 30th 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present, John Wereat Esquire President

Joseph Clay	Joseph Habersham
Humphry Wells	Myrick Davies
Seth John Cuthbert	William Gibbons.

Sundry letters being laid before the Board, viz./ From Genl. Lincoln dated Charleston 22d Inst from Colonel Hammond 22nd from John Glen 23d from William OBryan 24th from Genl. Mc-Intosh 29th were read and filed.

The following answer was returned to General McIntosh's letter of yesterday.

Sir,

Your letter of yesterday was laid before the Council this morning, and they are of opinion that the present is an improper time to offer a general pardon, but when a sufficient force shall be in the State to subdue our deluded Citizens a proclamation offering

pardon with some exceptions may be issued, that in the meantime no discouragements should be given to any persons who surrender themselves, nor their property or families molested; that a list of the names of such persons as surrender themselves, should be transmitted to the Council who, will take such measures as they may deem necessary for the safety of the State.

RESOLVED—That the election of Delegates to represent this State in Congress, which was the order of this day, be postponed.

The Council then adjourned to to-morrow morning 9. O'Clock.

Tuesday 31st August 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present, John Wereat Esquire, President

Humphry Wells	William Gibbons
William Few	Joseph Habersham
Myrick Davies	Joseph Habersham
Seth John Cuthbert	

WHEREAS, application has been made by a number of the inhabitants of this State, in behalf of Pride Williams, Francis Hancock and Moses Diers citizens of this State, now in confinement on Board the prison ships in Charleston, praying that the Board would take such steps as may be necessary for the relief of the said prisoners.

RESOLVED therefore, that a Committee be appointed to write to Genl. Lincoln on the subject.

ORDERED— That the President and Mr. Cuthbert be that Committee.

Mrs Dyers having made application for liberty to go down to Savannah, to endeavor to recover her negroes, who are in the enemies hands, it is the opinion of this Board that the said Mrs. Dyers may be permitted to go down at such time as the Commanding Officer may think proper.

Mr. Cuthbert and Peter Pariss made a return of the election of Officers for the Augusta Company of Militia in the County of Richmond, when it appeared that Jeremiah Bugg was elected Captain; Sherwood Bugg first Lieutenant, and Nathaniel Hicks Junr second Lieut. Commissions were made out and delivered.

Mr Carter and Mr Freeman having waited on the Council acquainting them that an election was about to be held to fill up their vacancies in the House of Assembly from the County of Wilkes, in consequence of a false report prevailing there, that the lower Counties had taken such steps.

Ordered. That a letter be wrote to the Magistrates and inhabitants of Wilkes County, informing them, that no such measures have taken place. And is as follows,

Being informed by Messr^s Carter and Freeman that a meeting of the inhabitants of your County has been, or is about to be called, for the purpose of choosing Representatives in Assembly, in consequence of a report being spread among you, that the lower Counties were taking the same steps. We therefore, at their request take this opportunity to inform you that no such measure, with our knowledge, has been pursued here, or intended to be pursued; before the time that a general election as directed by the Constitution, takes place. And we are sorry to observe that we cannot think any person a friend to this Country who has promoted such a report; as it can only tend to create uneasiness and disunite us, and that at a time when a firm union and the utmost harmony in the State is required.

We have made these Gentlemen acquainted with our proceed-

ings hitherto and our intentions in future in regard to many matters; And we have only to assure you that nothing in our power to promote the true interest of our Country will be neglected if we are properly supported by our fellow-citizens.

The Council then adjourned to 4 O'Clock this afternoon.

The Council met according to adjournment.

The Committee appointed to write to General Lincoln made their report, which is approved, and is as follows;

SIR,

A petition signed by a number of the inhabitants of this State, has been presented to us, in behalf of Pride Williams, Francis Hancock and Moses Dyers, citizens of the State, at present confined on Board the prison ships in Charleston, setting forth their having been heretofore active in the defence of their Country and demeaning themselves as good citizens thereof; that they were, upon the enemy's leaving Augusta, made prisoners of, for having been under the necessity of taking protection, and sent to Charleston by Genl. Williamson; and praying that they may be relieved from their confinement on board the prison ships, We therefore request, that you will send them up on parole as soon as you conveniently can, that they may be tried by the laws of their Country, and by those laws be condemned or restored to the rights and priviledges of free citizens.

As there may possibly be others on board those ships, who are under the same predicament, or who, as having been residents of this State, ought to be exchanged for the Citizens thereof, now prisoners with the enemy, or who may have been guilty of treason against the State, we beg that you will be so kind as to transmit us a general account of the Georgians now in confinement in Carolina; that we may be enabled to take such steps, with respect to them, as humanity and justice may demand.

By your letter of the 22d Inst., which we have been honored with, you inform us that you have offered one Ferguson, who we had demanded, in exchange; and that unless charges of a particular nature lie against him, you will be under the necessity of abiding by your offer. The charges against him are, after his having taken a Captains Commission in the Militia, and engaging with Mr. James Rae, Depy. Comisy General of this State, as a purchasing Commissary, his having joined the enemy with 20,000 dollars which Mr. Rae had placed in his hands for the purpose of buying provisions for the army.

The Council then proceeded to ballot for Delegates to represent this State in Congress, when Edward Telfair, John Houstoun, and Edward Langworthy Esquires were elected.

The President laid before the Board, two letters from Colo Dooly, dated 29th Inst. with an account of the criminals under sentence of death, at the Court held for Wilkes County on the 23rd Instant, which were read in their place and filed.

The Council then adjourned to to-morrow morning 8 O'Clock.

Wednesday September 1st 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present, John Wereat Esquire, President

Joseph Habersham	Humphry Wells
Myrick Davies.	William Few
Joseph Clay	William Gibbons
Seth John Cuthbert	

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the Board, that sundry inhabitants of this State, have made a practice of going within the enemies lines without leave.

RESOLVED, That the following notice be published.

WHEREAS, it has hitherto been made a practice, by sundry the inhabitants of this State, to go within the enemies lines without leave—Notice is hereby given, that all persons, who shall be guilty of the like practice in future, without leave first obtained, from this Board, and a pass in consequence from the Commanding Officer, shall be apprehended as Traitors.

ORDERED. That the President do issue an order to the Sheriff of Wilkes County, to suspend the execution of John Bennefield till Monday the 6th Instant.

The following letter was sent to Colo. Dooly in answer to his received yesterday.

SIR,

Your letter of the 29th ultimo, with a list of the condemned criminals, is received,— The Council would wish to have seen Colo. Downs, and to be informed of the favorable circumstances that arose in the course of their trials, to induce the jury to recommend them as proper objects of mercy.

An order was issued to the Sheriff of your County to suspend the execution of Bennefield till monday the 6th instant; when the fate of the rest will be determined, and all that are to suffer death, be executed at the same time.

The Council are sorry to hear that Colo. Wells, has endeavoured to mislead the people of Wilkes County, and have desired Mr. Freeman and Mr. Carter to represent matters to them in a proper light, and endeavor to satisfy them, which they have no doubt but that they will be able to effect.

The express returned from Charleston, but he brought no answer to the letter to the Governor; so that it is uncertain what will be the event of the application for money to pay off the militia.

An application was made to Colo. Hammond for the salt belonging to this State, who informed the Council, that General Williamson received it, and that he has no salt coming up to replace it; If you can procure waggons to go down, the Board will endeavor to procure salt in Charleston.

If you can procure waggons to go down, the Council desire you will inform them. The express Mr. Dannielly come up that you may get Col° Downes to come down; or if anything should prevent him, the Council may be properly informed of circumstances that appear in favour of the condemned persons, who are recommended to Mercy.

The Council then adjourned to to-morrow morning 8 O'Clock

Thursday September 2nd 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present John Wereat Esqr President

Humphry Wells	Myrick Davies
William Gibbons	Joseph Clay
Seth John Cuthbert	Joseph Hotersham
William Few	

The President laid before the Board, a letter from Col° Downs, and a letter from Colls Downs & Benjamin Catchings, which were read and filed.

The Council took into consideration the proceedings of the Special Court held in the County of Wilkes on the twenty third ultimo and continued by adjournments to the twenty eighth.

Resolved, Therefore, that in consideration of the recommendation of the petit-jury on the trial of Edmd Downey, James Mobley, Clement Yarborough, John Watkins, William Crutchfield, John Young & Driad Wildear, that they do pardon the

said Edm^{d} Downey, James Mobley, Clement Yarborough, John Watkins, William Crutchfield, John Young, and Dredd Wilder, on consideration that they enter on board one of the vessels of War, of the United States; And that Joshua Rials also, then & there condemned to die, and not recommended to mercy by the Jury, they also pardon on the same condition of serving on board a vessel of War—But finding upon strict enquiry that Edmund Downey, one of the criminals condemned & recommended to mercy as above, has been guilty of a great number of the most daring and attrocious crimes, both against the State and the faithful citizens thereof, which circumstances they presume the Jury were not made acquainted with; and for which crimes they think he ought to suffer the pains of death; as also, John Bennefield, condemned as above and not recommended to mercy.

Ordered therefore, that the President do sign a pardon for the said Joshua Rials, James Mobley, Clement Yarborough, John Watkins, William Crutchfield, John Young & Driad Wilder on the said conditions; and that he sign a warrant for the execution of the said Edmund Downey, and John Bennefield, on Friday the 10th instant.

The President laid before the Board, a letter from Mr. Eustace which was read

Ordered, That the consideration of the said letter be postponed.

The following answer, was returned, to the letter this day received from Col^{o} Downs and Benjamin Catchings.

Gentlemen,

We have received yours of the 30th August and also been informed of the proceedings of your Court, and in consequence thereof, send you orders for the execution of Edmund Downey & John Bennefield, with a pardon for the others that were con-

demned, which you will please to transmit immediately to the Sheriff of your County, in order to have them executed. Council would wish to pardon Downey also, but being fully informed of his committing a number of the most attrocious crimes, think they cannot do it consistent with that justice which is due to the State,—

The Council are of opinion that those persons they have pardoned, should not know it till the day of Execution, that they should be carried to the place of execution and see the others executed; The Council also desire you'll apply to Col° Dooly for a guard to conduct them down to General M^c^Intosh's head-quarters, in order that he may send them to the Commander in Chief.

The Council then adjourned till to-morrow morning 9. O'Clock.

Friday September 3rd 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present, John Wereat Esquire, President

Joseph Clay	William Few
William Gibbons	Seth John Cuthbert
Myrick Davies	Joseph Habersham.

The Council took into consideration the application from Mrs. Eustace for leave to go to Savannah on business, after debating on the subject, the Board divided,

Yea's	Noe's
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Clay
Mr. Davies	Mr. Habersham
Mr. Cuthbert	Mr. Few.
Mr. Wereat	

It was carried in the affrmative, provided she give General Mc-Intosh sufficient assurance, that she will carry no intelligence to the enemy.

On Motion, that a Committee be appointed to write to Sir James Wright on the subject of his parole, and to the Commanding Officer of the British Troops, acquainting him, that we have several inhabitants of this State, who call themselves subjects to his Britanic Majesty; to demand a return of the names of such of the citizens of this State, who are now prisoners (either on parole or otherwise) to the British Troops in Georgia, and to propose an exchange, citizen for citizen.

ORDERED. That Mr. President, Mr. Gibbons & Mr. Cuthbert be that Committee.

ORDERED That Mr. President do write to Mr. Houston and Mr. Telfair, acquainting them of their being elected Delegates.

The Council then adjourned to Monday next 9 O'Clock.

Monday September 6th 1779.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present, John Wereat Esquire, President

Seth John Cuthbert
Joseph Clay
William Few
William Few
Joseph Habersham.

Council being informed that Mrs. Cornels had been within the enemy's lines,

ORDERED, that she attend this Board.

Mr. Sterk made application for leave to accompany a Flag to Ebenezer on particular business respecting his brothers family.

ORDERED, That it be recommended to the General that he have leave.

Mrs. Cornels attended this Board agreeable to order, and was examined upon oath.

The President laid before the Board a letter from Col° Dooly dated 3d Instant, which was read and filed.

The Committee appointed to write to Sir James Wright and the Commanding Officer of the British Troops in Savannah, made their report, which was agreed to, and is as follows.

To Sir James Wright

SIR,

Early in the year 1776; when the first acts of hostility were commenced by the Ships and Troops of the King of Great Britain against the inhabitants of this State, they thought proper to retaliate, and accordingly your Excellency and the Members of His Britanic Majesty's Council were made prisoners upon parole. The Gentlemen of the Council were exchanged for some of our citizens that were in captivity on Board the Ships of War, then lying at Cockspur, but your Excellency was never discharged from the parole you gave to Capt. Harriss nor exchanged, therefore, the Council of this State do claim you as their Prisoner, and expect that you will repair to this place, and surrender yourself in consequence of your parole; or if it shall be more agreeable to Your Excellency to procure us, in exchange, our friends Colo Elbert, Major Habersham and any other of our friends who are now prisoners to the British Army, as may be equal to a person of your Excellency's Rank.

By order of the Executive Council of the State of Georgia I have the honor to be &C.

Augusta December 3d 1779.

On this day the Executive Council, appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly, informed his honor the Governor, that they had proceeded to the choice of a President; And that the honorable Richard Howley Esqr was unanimously elected.

The following Gentlemen attended as Members of the Executive Council for the following Counties in this State.

Richard Howley, John Hardy. Liberty County.
John Bilboe, Effingham County.
John Twiggs, Burke County.
Robert Middleton, Richmond County.
Stephen Heard, Wilkes County.

A resolution of the Honorable House of Assembly was laid before the Board, by His Honor the Governor respecting the reduction of the Continental Troops belonging to this State.

Ordered—That the Secy to this Board do transmit a copy of the said resolution to Brigadier General Elbert and request his answer to the same by the meeting of the Board to-morrow.

Another resolution was likewise laid before the Board respecting a sum of five hundred thousand dollars in the hands of Major General Lincoln and Joseph Clay Esqr received by them from Congress, for the use of this State.

Resolved, That His Honor the Governor be requested to write to the Honorable Major General Lincoln and Joseph Clay Esqr requiring a delivery of the said sum to be applied to such uses as the constitutional authority shall direct, and that he do appoint a proper person or persons to receive the same.

Another resolution was likewise laid before the Board respecting one hundred thousand dollars lent Joseph Clay Esqr Depy

Pay Master General by the former Legislature of this State, for the use of the Continental Troops, then doing duty therein.

RESOLVED That His Honor the Governor be requested to order the said Joseph Clay Dep^{y} Pay Master General to return the said money so lent; and that he do appoint a proper person to receive the same.

Another resolution respecting the building of six Forts in Wilkes County.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to write to the Commanding Officer of the Militia in Wilkes County to give every assistance in his power towards the building of the said Forts.

His Honor the Governor, laid before the Board two letters, the one from John Wereat Esq. to Humphry Wells, and the other from Humphry Wells to Col^{o} Parker, charging Doct. Taylor as being an enemy to the State. The Governor informed the Board that he had issued orders to Co^{l} Middleton, to arrest the said Taylor, and have him confined in the main guard, he being a person, whose going at large, was dangerous to the safety of the State.

RESOLVED, That the Board do approve of the conduct of the Governor on this occasion.

ORDERED, That the Sec^{y} do request Col^{o} Parker to keep the said Doctor Taylor in custody untill the further order of this Board.

Another resolution respecting the raising of horse for the defence of the State.

WHEREAS, some doubts have arose concerning the allowance of pay to the said corps.

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of the Board that the allowance of pay by the State is over and above the pay allowed by Congress to the Militia.

RESOLVED That this Board will make provision for the Clerk, as well for his present and future services, as for the paying up any arrears which shall appear to be due him for past services.

ORDERED, That the Sec^y do endeavor to employ a Messenger to the Council.

By the information of James Jackson Esqr to the Board respecting the conduct of Mrs. Eustace, and of several expressions made use of by her, when at Silver Bluff, and that Mr. Deveux could more particularly inform the Board as to the whole matter, was he called upon so to do,

ORDERED, That the Sec^y do write to Mr. Deveaux requiring his attendance on the Board to-morrow morning.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Thursday 8th Decr 1779.

The Board met

Present, His Honor the Governor,

Richard Howley	John Hardy
Robt Middleton	Stephen Heard
John Bilboe	John Twiggs.

ORDERED, That the Sec^y do write to Humphry Wells Esqr a member of this Board, and require his immediate attendance.

RESOLVED That the pay of the Messenger to this Board be twenty dollars per day.

The Board adjourned.

December 12th 1779.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Howley	John Hardy
Robert Middleton	Stephen Heard
John Bilbo	John Twiggs

WHEREAS, the Honorable House of Assembly of this State, on the twenty eighth day of November last, made and passed the following resolutions

In Assembly, Augusta November 28th 1779.

WHEREAS, a variety of circumstances render it necessary that a reduction in the Continental line should be made, and that in the room of four battalions of infantry, and one regiment of light dragoons, which heretofore subsisted in this State, only one battalion of Infantry, and one regiment of Horse should henceforth be the establishment of the same.

RESOLVED, That the said reduction do accordingly take place, and that only one battallion of Infantry and one regiment of Cavalry, be in future the Continental or Confederate establishment within this State and properly belonging to and known by the same.

AND WHEREAS, an humble address hath been made to the House, signed by a respectable number of officers, respecting the mode of officering the said regiments out of the number of the Officers which belonged to the Brigade of this State, heretofore, and have not resigned their Commissions; praying that the same may be by ballot among themselves; And that the House being

willing to shew every attention to the merits of their former services,

Resolved, That His Honor the Governor and Executive Council, be requested to confer with, or write to, Brigadier General Elbert on the subject, desiring that whatever mode of officering the said two regiments from the line, may be thought most just by a respectable majority of the Officers of the Brigade, shall be carried into execution with all convenient expedition. And that His Honor the Governor and Executive Council be recommended to make out Commissions accordingly, on a proper certificate of the Commission which each Officer shall be entitled to, under the mode of Election which they shall adopt.

Extract from the Minutes.

Geo. Seigar C. G. A.

And Whereas, the said resolutions being laid before the Board on the third day of December Instant, the same were transmitted to Brigadier General Elbert, and his answer and the recommendation of a number of the Officers were received on the tenth instant and which are as follow.

His Honor George Walton Esqr, Governor and Commander in Chief of the State of Georgia,

Augusta 10th December 1779.

Sir,

I am sorry on account of the bad weather that my indisposition will not permit me to meet the Council to day as you desired. Inclosed is a copy of the paper signed by such Officers of the Brigade as were in Augusta at the last meeting. As there was not a dissenting voice present, and as I can undertake to answer that several who are at this time absent will agree to the same mode, am of opinion that Officering the one battalion of Infantry; and one regiment of Cavalry from the line according to Seniority

of Commission will be conformable to the sentiments of a respectable majority of the Officers of the Georgia Brigade.

I have the honor to be with respect,

Sir,

Your most ob^{t} Servt

S. Elbert B^{r} Genl Militia in Georgia.

We the subscribers, Officers in the Brigade of Continental Troops for the State of Georgia, having duly considered on the most equitable mode of Officering the one Battalion of Infantry and one regiment of Cavalry, intended to be kept on the establishment in the said State; do recommend, that the Officers to the above two regiments, be taken according to seniority, from the line in the State of Georgia, and do here presume to express a wish that the Gentlemen whose misfortune it is from being Junior in Commission to retire from Serving their Country, may be put upon half pay and called into service as vacancies may happen.

Augusta Decr 6th 1779.

S. Elbert, Col^{o} 2nd Batt.
Joseph Pannell Lieut. Col^{o}
Clem. Mash Capt. 3. G. B.
John Cunningham Capt. 2. G. B.
Littleberry Moseley . . . . Capt. 2. G. B.
Thomas Glascock . . . . Lieut. 1. G. B.
Francis Tennell . . . . Lieut. 2. G. B.
Pat. Fitzpatrick . . . . Lieut. 4. G. B.
John Meanly. . . . . Lieut. 3. G. B.
John Morrison . . . . . Lieut. 2. G. B.
Cornelius Collins . . . . Lieut. 2. G. B.
John Frazer . . . . . Lieut. 3. G. B.

Nathan[1] Pearce . . . . . Lieut. 3. G. B.
Thomas Payne . . . . . Lieut. 2. G. B.
Henry Allison . . . . . Lieut. 2. G. B.
Fred. Sheck . . . . . Lieut. 2. G. B.
Christopher Hillery . . . Lieut. 4. G. B.
W^m^ M^c^Donald . . . . . L. . G. L. D.
Robert Howe . . . . . Lieut 2. G. B.
Lach. M^c^Intosh . . . . Capt. 1. G. B.
George Handley . . . . Capt. 1. G. B.
John Lucas . . . . . Capt. 4. G. B.

A true copy taken from the original in my possession.

S. Elbert.

The Board therefore, pursuing the direction of the said resolutions and taking into consideration the letter of Brigadier General Elbert, and the recommendation of the said Officers, do order and direct, that an exact return of the Officers belonging to the late Brigade of this State, specifying the real and relative rank of each be made and certified to the Governor and Executive Council, for the time being as soon as possible. And that a copy of these proceedings be furnished to Brigadier Genl. Elbert, and he be requested to complete and make such return during the sitting of this Board, if in his power.

Resolved, That when such return shall be made the Senior Officers shall receive Brevets.

Resolved, That His Honor the Governor be requested to write to the President of Congress, and point out the great usefulness and necessity of such an establishment, and urge that it be speedily ratified; and that the Delegates of this State be ordered to press its adoption, and the means of carrying it into effect.

And Whereas, in our present dangerous situation, it is essen-

tially necessary for the well being of the State, and for the common safety, that there should exist mutual good will between the freemen of this State, and the confederate Troops. And whereas, it appears to this Board, unquestionably, that the people at large in this State, have such a repugnance to Brigadier General M^c^Intosh, that in the event of any offensive operations on the part of the enemy, which should call for their services in aid of the Confederal Troops, they would not turn out under his Command.

Resolved Therefore, that it be earnestly recommended to Congress to direct General Washington to employ Brigadier General M^c^Intosh in some other department; and that General Lincoln be informed in the meantime, that it is the opinion of this Board, that it will be for the interest of the State that some other Officer should have the immediate Command in it.

And Whereas, Brigadier General Elbert, of the Militia of this State, and who is also an old Colonel in the confederal army, having rendered much personal service in the course of the War, and being esteemed by the people at large to be a gallant and good Soldier, and this Board verily believing that his liberation and promotion will be of particular and general utility, do therefore, advise and request, that Congress will offer Brigadier General Hamilton of the Convention Troops in exchange for him, and that thereafter he may be promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in the confederal army.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board be given to Colonel Richard Parker for his respectful deportment towards the civil authority; the good order in which he has kept the Troops under his Command; and for his unremitted services in defence of the State.

Monday December 13th 1779.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Howley	John Hardy
Stephen Heard	John Twiggs
John Bilboe	Robt Middleton

WHEREAS, the people of Wilkes County are obliged to enfort themselves, and are without salt,

RESOLVED therefore that Col. Richard Parker be authorized and requested to impress any necessary quantity of salt, that may be in Augusta, for the public service.

RESOLVED also, that Colonel Parker be requested to enquire into the reason why the salt which was sent by General Lincoln to the Militia of that County, has not arrived there.

Joseph Atkinson and Joseph Reeves having been taken returning from the enemy at Savannah, with a number of British Goods upon them, and having confessed upon oath the truth thereof.

RESOLVED, That they be committed untill they shall give good and sufficient security to the Clerk of the Council in the sum of ten thousand dollars, for their appearance at the next Superior Court, which shall be holden in the State; and that Colo Parker be requested to keep them under guard in lieu of a prison.

December 14th 1779.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Howley	Robt Middleton
Stephen Heard	John Bilboe.

WHEREAS, there are a small number of confederal Soldiers, belonging to the late Georgia Brigade who are barracked at the House commonly called the old Fort in Augusta, most of whom claim their discharges alledging that the terms of their enlistment are expired,

AND WHEREAS, the said house is wanted for other, and public use

RESOLVED Therefore, that Colo. Parker Commander of the confederal Troops in Georgia, be requested to remove them from the said house immediately; And that he will as soon as possible, cause a Court of Enquiry to to be held to ascertain who are entitled to their discharges; And that he will take under his care and command, those who have yet a further time to serve; and give discharges to such as shall appear entitled to them.

ORDERED, That Colonel Middleton and Mr. Bilbo be a Committee to agree with, and engage some workmen to repair the said house, commonly called the old Fort, for the sitting of the Assembly in January next.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to issue a proclamation, requiring the Members elect to meet at Augusta, on the first Tuesday in January next, agreeable to the Constitution of this State.

RESOLVED, That Joshua Inman be appointed Captain and Commander of an independent company of Horse Militia, not exceeding forty men; and that he be empowered to engage and embody the same forthwith.

RESOLVED, That when they shall be embodied they shall be allowed rations and Forage.

December 18th 1779.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Howley	Stephen Heard
Robt Middleton	John Bilbo.

WHEREAS, several complaints have been made to the Board, that the Ferry at the Sand Bar, is badly attended, and the Boat belonging to the same greatly out of repair.

RESOLVED, That Colo. Heard be appointed to agree with some person to keep the said Ferry and provide a proper Flat for the same.

Titus Hollinger having made application to the Board for public plank and scantling at Spirit Creek,

ORDERED, That the said Titus Hollinger be supplied with four thousand feet of plank, and one thousand feet of scantling, he to be accountable for the same.

December 21st 1779.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Howley	Robert Middleton
Stephen Heard	John Bilbo.

ORDERED, That the Secretary do write to George Walton, William Hammet, John Freeman, James McLean, and Elijah Clark, requiring their attendance on the next General Assembly, to be examined respecting a paral of waggons, sent to Charleston by Colo Dooly, for the salt, for the Militia.

ORDERED also, That the Secretary do write to Titus Hollinger to forbid him to sell rum or other liquors to the Soldiers.

ORDERED, That the Secy do write to Doctor Folliett informing him that the House in which he lives is wanted for public [illegible] and do order him to leave the same on or before Monday the twenty seventh instant. And Colo Middleton be requested to employ some person to repair the said House—

ORDERED, That the Church be put in repair for the Session of next Assembly; And that Colo Middleton be also requested to employ some person to complete the same.

The Governor having informed the Board, that he had since the receipt of General Lincolns letter, of the thirteenth instant, sent down into the enemy's lines, several spies in order to gain intelligence of their situation, strength and movements.

RESOLVED, That the Council do approve of the conduct of His Honor the Governor on this occasion.

The Board being informed that James Ingram Esquire of Richmond County has been publishing rumours among the good people of this State, tending to magnify the Strength and movements of the enemy, and to discourage that laudable opposition which is necessary for our common safety.

ORDERED, That the Messenger be forthwith sent requiring the attendance of the said James Ingram on this Board.

ORDERED, That the Secretary do write to Thomas Marbury requesting his immediate attendance on this Board.

ORDERED, That Col° Twiggs be requested to hire or impress waggons and teams to carry plank from Spirit Creek, for the public buildings in Augusta.

December 23d 1779.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	Robt Middleton
Micajah Williamson	John Bilbo,
John Twiggs,	Richd Howley.
James Brown	

Robt Middleton Esqr a member of this Board having applied for leave of absence

ORDERED, That leave be granted to him until Tuesday next.

December 24th 1779.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Howley	Stephen Heard
Micajah Williamson	James Brown
John Bilbo.	Robt Middleton

Mr. Ingram waited on the Board agreeable to order, and the evidences which were summoned to attend not appearing, the Board ordered the said Ingram to give his parole to appear on Tuesday next.

Upon reading the petition of a number of inhabitants of the County of Burke, setting forth their distressed situation,

Resolved, That the inhabitants of Burke County be assured that this Board will give them every possible assistance, and lay the matter before the ensuing Assembly for their determination thereon.

Ordered, That a copy of William Littles letter be furnished Colo Parker and Twiggs.

January 3d 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Richard Howley	Micajah Williamson
Robert Middleton	John Twiggs,

RESOLVED, That the Deputy Quarter Master General for the Continental Troops in this State, be requested to furnish Colonel John Twiggs for the use of the Troops under his command, with twenty five Wt of gun powder and fifty Wt of lead as a loan to this State.

RESOLVED also, That he be requested to furnish Colo Robert Middleton of the Militia of Richmond with six Weight of powder and sixteen weight of lead for the use of the Militia of the said County. The State to be accountable for the same.

RESOLVED also, That he be requested to furnish Robert Bonner with any quantity of nails he may stand in need of, for repairing the House known by the name of the old Fort, ordered to be fitted up for the Session of the next general Assembly.

The Board adjourned.

January 7th 1780.

The Honorable Richard Howley Esqr having been appointed Governor, by the Honorable the House of Assembly of this State, he informed the Board, that he had, agreeably to the Constitution, waited on the Speaker and qualified as such.

The following Gentlemen appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly as Members of the Executive Council for the several Counties, informed His Honor the Governor that they had proceeded to the choice of a President, and that Col' George Wells was duly elected, and had qualified himself before the Speaker accordingly.

Stephen Heard—Wilkes County.
John Lindsay—Wilkes County.
Humphry Wells—Richmond County.

The Board proceeded to the choice of a Secretary when Samuel Sterk Esqr was elected, and Daniel Danielly Messenger.

January 8th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

George Wells	Humphry Wells
Stephen Heard	John Lindsay

His Honor the Governor laid before the Board a resolution of the Honorable the House of Assembly, respecting the public building in Augusta commonly called the Glebe being appropriated for the accommodation of him and the Executive Council.

Ordered, That Doctor Folliott, the present possessor, leave the same immediately.

Whereas, it appears to this Board, that Philip Higginbotham is at present confined in the main guard for certain crimes com-

mitted (as it is said) by him. And whereas, it does not appear to this Board, that he is confined by any legal authority.

Resolved, That the Commanding Officer of the confederal Troops in Augusta, be requested to discharge the said Philip Higginbotham from his said confinement.

John Sterk Esqr one of the Treasurers of this State, appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly, waited on the Board and took the following oath, viz,

I, A. B. appointed one of the Treasurers of this State do solemnly and sincerely swear and declare in the presence of Almighty God, that I will, during my continuance therein, well, faithfully and honestly, to the best of my knowledge and ability, execute the Office of Treasurer of this State; and that I will not, on any occasion or pretence, apply any monies which shall or may come to my hands as belonging to this State, to any private uses or purposes whatsoever.

So help me God.

Whereas, it appears by the certificate of the Honble. Colonel Walton, that the sum of one thousand dollars was allowed to Samuel Sterk Esqr for acting as Secretary to the late Governor and Council, as well as the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars as perquisites.

Resolved, That His Honor the Governor be requested to draw on the Treasury for the said sums of money in favor of the said Samuel Sterk.

January 19th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

George Wells	Humphry Wells
John Lindsay	Stephen Heard

ORDERED, That the Secretary of this State take and subscribe the following oath. Viz:

I, A. B. Secretary of the State of Georgia, do solemnly swear, and declare, in the presence of Almighty God, that I will in all things, to the best of my knowledge and ability, justly and honestly keep the records, deeds, parchments and instruments of writing committed, and which shall be from time to time hereafter, committed unto me, and in all other things, to the best of my knowledge, ability and understanding, faithfully perform the duty of my said Office of Secretary, without favor or partiality. So help me God.

RESOLVED, That the Militia which shall be ordered on duty by his honor the Governor, or in his absence, the President of the Council, be supplied with rations of every kind, by the Deputy Quarter Master and Commissary General, in such quantity and proportion as directed for the confederal Troops—That whenever any of the militia are ordered on duty, the same shall be made known by His Honor the Governor or in his absence, the President, to the Officers commanding in the confederal line, for the time being; to the end that orders may issue from him to the Deputy Quarter Master and Commissary General, for a necessary supply of provisions, forage, horses, waggons &C. for their use, to be received and dealt out in due proportion, by such persons as the Commanding Officer of the

Militia so on duty shall appoint. That no returns made to the Deputy Quarter Master and Commissary General, from any Officer of the militia shall be received, unless it be under the above regulations.—

RESOLVED, That the Honorable the Chief Justice be called on, and desired to inform His Honor the Governor whether James Greirson and Andrew McLean have entered in recognizance for their appearance at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer or Superior Court as the case may be, agreeable to an order issued by the Honorable the House of Assembly.

RESOLVED, That the Attorney General be directed to report to the House of Assembly officially, the disrespectful language uttered by James Greirson, respecting the dignity and justice of the Legislature, and to defend the rights of the State in support of its laws and resolves.

WHEREAS, an application has been made to His Honor the Governor, and the Honorable the Council, by Col° Parker requesting that two or three acres of ground be allowed for the purpose of planting a garden for the use of the Troops under his command. And as it appears to be useful and necessary for the preservation of the health of the Military, that such a measure should take place,

RESOLVED, That the Honorable the President of the Council and the Honorable Humphry Wells Esq. be requested to apportion two or three acres of ground for that salutary purpose.

WHEREAS, the dignity and authority of all government calculated for the support and maintenance of those rights and liberties, which should be secured to the inhabitants of a free commonwealth, depend on the veneration and respect which ought inviolably to be preserved by the citizens belonging to, and under the jurisdiction of the same.

And Whereas, all wise Governments have ever had, and ought to have recourse to such necessary laws and sanctions, as may tend to support and uphold that dignity and veneration of free Government. This appearing in a strong and forcible light to His Honor the Governor and the Honorable the Executive Council.

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the Honorable the House of Assembly to pass a law, of most penal import, on all such person or persons who shall hereafter, citizens of this State, by writing, maintain, or advisedly speaking, support by words, contempts of and concerning the right and jurisdiction of the Legislature of this State, with such other cautions as may be judged necessary.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

The President	Humphry Wells
John Lindsay	Daniel McMurphy
Myrick Davies	John Cunningham
Caleb Howell.	

The four last mentioned Gentlemen, being appointed, by the Honoble. the House of Assembly, Councillors for the different Counties, attended, and took their seats at the Board accordingly.

The Honorable George Wells Esq. on the meeting of the Council this day, observed that there was not a full representation in Council at the time of his being elected, therefore re-

quested the Members present, to proceed to the choice of a President, when he, the said George Wells, was confirmed in the aforesaid appointment unanimously.

The following oath was taken by the Continental Delegates appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly.

I, A. B. do solemnly swear, that I will, to the utmost of my power, during the term of my being a representative of this State in Congress, support the dignity, soveignty, and independence, constitution and laws of the same; and that I will observe and enforce the resolves and instructions consistent therewith of the Legislature and Government thereof.

GEO. WALTON,
EDWD. TELFAIR
B. ANDREW
W. FEW.

RESOLVED, That each of the Continental Delegates have an order on the Treasury of this State, for twenty thousand dollars, and likewise an order on the Treasury of the United States, for ten thousand dollars each, if necessary.

On a representation made to the Board by Colonels Dooly & Clark, of the necessity of having the new erected Forts in the frontiers in Wilkes County properly garrisoned.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to issue orders to Colonel Dooly to order thirty men for the defence of each Fort, including one hundred and eighty men in the whole, to be kept on constant duty, untill the further orders of this Board.

RESOLVED, That a Fort be built at Harris old Fort and that the sum of five hundred pounds be allowed for the building the same, and to be erected under the direction of Captain Zacharian

Philips agreeable to the regulations which were made with respect to the other Forts on that frontier.

John Hardy Esq. the other Treasurer, waited on the Board, and qualified himself agreeable to the resolution of the Honorable the House of Assembly.

January 28th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

The President	John Lindsay
Peter Deveaux	John Cunningham
Myrick Davis	H. Wells.

The great difficulty of securing offenders appearing for the want of a place of sufficient strength

RESOLVED, That Colonel McMurphy & Mr. Deveaux be a committee for the contracting with some person or persons for putting the Jail in Augusta in tenable order, and erecting a proper defence around the same.

WHEREAS, it appears by information to the Board that Thomas Childers can make some useful discoveries in behalf of the State.

ORDERED, That he do attend on the eighth day of February next.

ORDERED, That John Shaw do attend on this Board the same day.

I, A. B. do solemnly swear, or affirm, without any equivocation or reservation of mind, that I do in truth and sincerity, chearfully and desirously renounce and abjure the King of Great Britain, his Heirs & Successors, and also the Crown thereof forever. And I do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will bear true allegiance to the State of Georgia, and do every thing in my power to support the independence of the same, agreeable to the declaration passed in Congress, on the fourth day of July, one thousand, seven hundred and seventy six; And that also, all treasons, combinations, and confederacies, or any movements of the British Troops, their Emissaries or Spies against it, which shall come to my knowledge, I will immediately made known to the nearest Justice of the peace. So help me God.

PETER DEVEAUX
JN° CUNNINGHAM
JOHN BILBO.
MYRICK DAVIES
SAM[l] STERK S. E. C.
RICH[d] HOWLEY
GOVERNOR &C
GEORGE WELLS President
H. WELLS
JOHN LINDSAY.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly ordained a .... to be taken by the inhabitants of this State (except as therein excepted) and have recommended to His Honor the Governor and the Executive Council to appoint one or more Justices of the peace in and for every County within the Government of this State to administer the same.

ORDERED, that George Seigar and Samuel Sterk Esq[s] administer the same to the inhabitants in and about Augusta, to be by them subscribed; William Candler and William Jackson for the upper parts of the said County; Hugh M[c]Gee and George

Wyche for the lower parts; For the County of Wilkes, Absolem Biddle and John Hill for the South side of little river; Barnard Heard and Col° Downes for Capt. Williamsons & Austins Companies; Henry Jones & Richard Aycock for Capt George Dooley & John Stewarts companies; and John Gordon and Thomas Carter for the upper parts of the said County. For the County of Burk Colo. John Twiggs and Daniel McMurphy.

ORDERED, That a copy of the said act be sent to each of the said Justices as soon as possible.

An account of Samuel Sterk being presented to the Board, amounting to one thousand dollars,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to draw on the Treasury for the said sum.

WHEREAS, there are a number of negroes in the custody of Mr. Robert Bonner, belonging (as it is said) to sundry disaffected persons who have joined the enemy.

ORDERED, That Messr^s Deveaux, Davies & Cunningham be a committee to report to His Honor the Governor and the Honorable the Executive Council, on Tuesday next, such information as they shall receive touching the persons to whom they are said to belong.

The petition of Humphry Wells Junr, appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly, Director General of hospitals in this State was laid before the Board & read.

ORDERED, That Mr. President, Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Bilbo be a committee to prepare instructions for the said Director General, and report the same on Tuesday next.

The Board met

January 29th 1780.

Present

His Honor the Governor

The President	John Lindsay
Myrick Davies	John Cunningham
John Bilbo,	

WHEREAS, on the information of Sarah Dunn, it appears several gross violations of both public order and law, have been committed by Ignatius Few and .... Aspey; And to the end of promoting public Justice, the only support and security of all public rights which the citizens of the State are entitled to, until the same becomes forfeited by a regular and due course of law.

RESOLVED, That every attempt made, or to be made by individuals, to invade the property or rights of any of the citizens of this State, without being legally authorized to do the same, tends to the destroying and overturning of the laws which alone can give security and freedom to the inhabitants.

ORDERED, That if any person or persons shall without lawful authority, take away, molest or disturb the property or any part thereof, belonging to Sarah Dunn, or her children he shall be considered a violator of the laws of this State.

ORDERED, That Ignatius Few and .... Aspey do forthwith restore unto the said Sarah Dunn all the property which they have taken from her.

ORDERED, That the said Ignatius Few and .... Aspey do attend this Board on Friday the fourth day of February next.

The Board met

February 1st 1780

Present

His Honor the President

John Cunningham	Myrick Davies
Peter Deveaux	Daniel McMurphy
Humphry Wells	John Lindsay
John Bilbo,	

The Board being informed that Major * * * * *

Resolved, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to write to, and send off an express to Joseph Clay Esqr Deputy Pay Master General, for the States of South Carolina and Georgia; and authorize some person to receive the sum of five hundred and ninety seven thousand dollars Monies of this State, in his hands.

The following letter was sent to Joseph Clay Esqr Deputy Pay Master General for the States of South Carolina and Georgia.

Augusta 1st February 1780.

Sir,

Your letter of the .... ultimo informing that the public monies in your hands were ready to be paid to the order of Government, could not fail giving satisfaction, as the safety and welfare of the State were dependent upon it;

I have therefore, taken instant measures to have the same brought up; and do request you will pay the sum of five hundred and ninety seven Thousand dollars to John Hardy Esqr

one of the Treasurers, whose receipt, and this order, shall be your sufficient discharge for that sum.

I am Your Ob^{t} Servt

JOSEPH CLAY Esqr
Deputy Pay Master Genl

The Board being informed that Major General Lincoln had given orders for the removal of the confederal Troops out of the State, and also, that Brigadier General Williamson is about collecting the Militia of his Brigade for the defence of the Western frontiers. And whereas, the enemy being reinforced in this State, and the same much exposed to ravage and depredation; And the Militia thereof not being collected,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to write to Brigadier General Williamson, and request that he will move his Brigade into this State, as soon as possible, where the common defence will be more certainly effected.

RESOLVED, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be furnished to Col^{o} Parker, and that he be requested not to move all the Virginia Troops out of this State until His Honor the Governor shall hear from Brigadier General Williamson. And also that he be informed, that as this Board deem such delay necessary for the safety of this State, he shall be indemnified for the same.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to issue his proclamation for calling out and embodying the militia of the State; and directing such other measures as may be most conducive to the public safety.

WHEREAS, from the events of war, it may so happen, that the Ministers of Government of this State, might not be able to do or transact the business of the State within the limits of the same. Therefore,

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RESOLVED unanimously, that His Honor the Governor, or in his absence the President & Executive Council, may do, and transact all and every business of Government, in as full, ample and authoritative manner, in any other State within the confederation, touching and respecting this State, as tho' it had been done and transacted within the limits of the State.

Messrs Deveaux, Cunningham and Davis, the Committee appointed to report to the Board, the property of some negroes (touching the persons to whom they are said to belong) in the hands of Mr. Robert Bonner

The Committee report,

That a negroe man named Tom, is the property of James Story, now with the enemy, and a wench named Charity, with three children, the property of John Mathews, which said negroes, your Committee are of opinion ought to be sold at public auction for the benefit of the State.

ORDERED, That the said negroes be sold at public auction tomorrow at twelve O'Clock, for cash only; and that Messrs Cunningham and Davis superintend the sale. And in case it should appear at a future day that they are private property and belong to a friend, of these States, that the Treasury pay the amount of the money to such friendly citizens of these States.

February 2nd 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Delegate Honbl. Colº Walton	Daniel McMurphy
John Lindsay	John Cunningham
Peter Deveaux	Myrick Davis
Humphry Wells	John Bilbo.

The following proclamation was issued by His Honor the Governor,

By His Honor Richard Howley Esq. Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief of the said State.

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, by information made before the Council it appears that the British Troops in Savannah have received a reinforcement from New York; To the end therefore, that the good people of this State may have notice of the same, and that proper exertions may be made for repelling the common enemy of our rights and liberties; who thro' the bravery and fortitude of our fellow citizens in the Northern States, have been compelled to flee from thence and are now attempting to wreak the effects of their disappointment and malice on this State, as also our Sister State Carolina, notwithstanding the various demonstrations of providence exhibited in our behalf, and tending to shew the unrighteousness of their cause.

I do therefore, with the advice and consent of the Honbl. the Executive Council, issue this, my proclamation commanding and requiring the good people of this State to stand firm to their

duty, and exert themselves in support and defence of the great and glorious independency of the United States; and also to remember with gratitude to Heaven, that the almighty ruler of all human affairs hath been pleased to raise up the spirit and might of the two greatest powers in the World, (France and Spain) to join with them and oppose and destroy the persecutor of their liberties and immunities

Given under my hand, and the great Seal of the said State, at Augusta, the second day of February, in the Year of our Lord, one thousand, seven hundred and eighty; and in the fourth year of the independence of North America.

RICH[d] HOWLEY

By His Honors command

SAM[l] STERK Sec[y]

February 3[d] 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Honbl. Col[o] Walton
Humphry Wells
Myrick Davis.
John Lindsay
John Cunningham

WHEREAS, it is not only our duty, but the common safety requires that every exertion should be made against the enemy.

RESOLVED therefore, That His Honor the Governor be request-

ed to issue orders for embodying one half the Militia of this State immediately; and that the same rendezvous at Augusta, or any other place which he shall direct.

Resolved also, that it be further recommended to His Honor the Governor, to give directions to Col. Twiggs to get as many of the men belonging to his regiment and the separate companies under his command as well as Volunteers and take post at Augusta; and that the barracks lately occupied by Col° Parker, be kept to receive them.

Whereas, Major General Lincoln, notwithstanding various and repeated applications, remonstrances and solicitations; and notwithstanding the most positive, certain and unquestionable information that the enemy were strongly reinforced in this State, and a perfect knowledge of the extent frontier and exposed situation of it, has removed the Confederal Troops out of the same.

Resolved therefore, that the said Major General Lincoln, stands answerable, for all the consequences which may follow that unadvised measure.

And Whereas, the inhabitants of this State, not being embodied, and from the distant habitations it cannot be done immediately, and the Confederate Officers now leaving this State,—Being of opinion that the Town of Augusta, the present Seat of Government may be suprized by twenty men; by which the Members of Government might be Massecred or captured; and it being thence unsafe and impolitic for the Governor and Council to remain thus exposed; And it being therefore necessary that a place should be pointed out in time for their meeting in some other State or place,

Resolved therefore, that Herds Fort, in Wilkes County, be the place of meeting for transacting the business of the Government of this State, as soon after the leaving Augusta as may be.

And Whereas, the Confederal Troops in this department may be thrown into the Garrison of Charleston contrary to the well known and uniform place of opposition by the United States to the British Arms and contrary to the sence of this Board,

Resolved therefore, that in the judgement of this Board, that the min of the Southern Army depends upon this measure.

And Whereas, it is necessary that a public enquiry should be made into the cause of such known and probable mischiefs.

Resolved therefore, that the Delegates for this State be requested and directed to proceed forthwith to Congress, and promote by every means in their power such enquiry, as well for the satisfaction and information of the good people of this State, as of the United States.

February 5th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President	John Lindsay
John Bilbo.	John Cunningham
Daniel McMurphy	Myrick Davis

Whereas, the Board on the third instant resolved that when it should be necessary to remove the Seat of Government, the same should be adjourned to Herds Fort in the County of Wilkes; And whereas, the necessity of such adjournment now exists and evidently appears,

Resolved therefore, that this Board be and stand adjourned

to the said Heards Fort in the County of Wilkes in this State, for the transacting of business, and the execution of the laws of the same.

And Whereas, the late General Assembly of this State, on the eleventh day of January last

Resolved. House of Assembly Jany 11. 1780.

Resolved therefore, that it is now the clearest, unanimous and most decided sence of this Board, that His Honor the Governor should go, as soon as possible to Congress, agreeable to the intent of the said resolution.

Resolved also unanimously, that the Honorable George Wells Esqr the President, with the members of this Board, are fully competent to the transaction of all public business, as effectually as tho' the Governor was in the State.

Ordered, That Samuel Sterk Esq. be appointed one of the signers to the money of the emission of the fourth of May 1778. And that he be allowed for his trouble, two and half per cent.

February 8th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President
John Bilbo.
Myrick Davis.
John Lindsay
John Cunningham

George Seigar Esq. waited on the Board and qualified as

Register of Probates for the County of Richmond. He also qualified at the same time as Deputy Surveyor General for the said State.

WHEREAS, Negroes and other property belonging to persons in arms against the United States, were taken during the Seige of Savannah.

ORDERED, That the same be sold, giving at least fifteen days notice, for the benefit of the men then on duty under the Command of Col° John Dooly.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the Board by Colonel John Dooly that a number of men may be had from the State of South Carolina to Garrison two forts upon the western frontiers of this State; provided they were not compelled to do any other duty,

ORDERED, That the said Colonel John Dooly do appoint the Officers for two Companies, and that they be allowed two dollars per day exclusive of the Continental pay and rations.

February 10th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President	John Lindsay
John Heard	Myrick Davis.
D. M^c^Murphy	John Bilbo

A petition of a number of the inhabitants of the upper battalion of Richmond County being laid before the Board, praying

that a new election of Officers for the said battalion should immediately take place.

ORDERED, That William Candler, Robert Jones, David Robertson, Nathan Harris, James Oliver and James Cone do attend this Board on Thursday the seventeenth instant to make known their objections against the Officers now in command and offer reasons, if any, in support of their petition.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers receive from Colonel Farret the sum of two thousand, two hundred and seventeen pounds, seventeen shillings and one penny, Georgia currency, the same being due from him to this State, for sundry negroes purchased at the sales of the confiscated estates & give him a sufficient receipt for the same.

ORDERED, That William Hammett return to the widows Whatley, one hundred and ninety nine bushels and half of corn, which was taken from them by the said Hammett for public use.

His Honor the Governor drew orders on His Excellency Samuel Huntington Esq; President of Congress, in favor of the following persons, who were appointed, by the Honbl. House of Assembly, Delegates for this State.

Honble. Col. Walton, ten thousand dollars.

Honble. Edward Telfair, Esq. ten thousand dollars

Honble. Wm Few Esq. ten thousand dollars

Also orders upon the Treasury of this State for the following sums.

Honble. Col. Walton, twenty thousand dollars.

Honble. Edward Telfair Esq. twenty thousand dollars

Honble. Wm Few Esq. twenty thousand dollars.

An order was drawn on the Treasury by His Honor the Governor in favor of Samuel Sterk for the following sums viz;

For one thousand dollars for signing and taking up the reconciliation money, as appears by the certificate of James Habersham and Humphry Wells, the Committee appointed by the Honorable House of Assembly.

Also for four hundred dollars, in full for his services to the late Government, as appears by the certificate of the Honorable Col. Walton.

The Committee appointed to superintend the sale of the negroes in the possession of Robert Bonner, belonging (as it is said) to persons who have joined the enemy, do report thereon,

That a negroe wench and two children, late property of John Watkins, were sold at public sale to Daniel M^c^Murphy for 7055 dollars; and a negroe man to Jno Cunningham for 3230.

February 11th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President	John Lindsay
Stephen Heard	John Bilbo
Humphry Wells	Myrick Davis.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the Board, by John Sills, that he has been illegally deprived of seven cows and calves, by Ignatius Few, and four cows and calves by John Bates

RESOLVED, That the said Ignatius Few and John Bates do instantly restore the said cattle together with the bills of Sale, to the said John Sills, and that it be recommended to the Attorney General, to prosecute such illegal acts.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the Board by John Sills, that he has been illegally deprived of a negoe girl and a ten pound note, extorted from him by Thomas Ashby, under pretext of payment for a horse lost, or pretended to be lost, by the said Ashby.

RESOLVED unanimously, that the said Thomas Ashby do instantly restore the said negroe girl, together with the bill of Sale therefor; and the said note, to the said John Sills; and that it be recommended to the Attorney General to prosecute such illegal acts.

An order was drawn on the Treasury in favor of John Lindsay Esq. for two thousand, eight hundred and fifty dollars, for subsistence as a prisoner from the first January 1779. to the eighteen October 1779. at three hundred dollars per month.

February 12th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	John Lindsay
John Cunningham	Myrick Davis.

RESOLVED, That a Nolli prosequi do issue to the Attorney General on the informations against Andrew McLean Esq. to stay all further proceedings against him on the said informations

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to appoint a proper person to proceed to Charleston and purchase there one thousand bushels of salt for public use, and to store the same in such secure place as he may direct.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to appoint a proper person to purchase one hundred and fifty pair of pistols, and one hundred and fifty swords for the use of this State.

RESOLVED, That the owners of such waggons and teams as may be in future taken into the service of this State be allowed for the hire thereof, twelve dollars and one third per day, and the accustomed allowance of forage for their horses; and that each driver be allowed two dollars per day and one ration.

And that such of the poor Militia men, doing duty in the militia of this State, who shall faithfully serve the term out, for which they may be drafted shall, on producing a certificate thereof from their Commanding Officer, be entitled to one bushel of salt over and above their pay.

ORDERED, That a dedimus do issue to Col° William Downes, for qualifying the Sheriff and all other Officers in Wilkes County; and return the same to this Board as soon as convenient, with an account of his proceedings thereon.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Edmund Bugg be allowed at the rate of ten dollars per bushel for any corn furnished by him heretofore to the Continental Commissary of forage and at the rate of twenty dollars per hundred for corn blades; it appearing to the Board that the prices allowed by the Assembly were too low, and would be a great hardship and distress on him.

Monday 14th Feby 1780.

The Board met

Present

Mr. President

Stephen Heard
John Bilbo
Myrick Davis.
John Cunningham
Humphry Wells

WHEREAS, a caveat, John Dooly against Thomas Lee, was heretofore determined respecting a tract of land in Wilkes County, and an order passed to dispossess the said Dooly, and put the said Lee in full possession thereof

AND WHEREAS, it appears that the said John Dooly still holds forcible possession of the said land.

ORDERED, That Benjn Catchings, Wm Downes and John Goram Esqrs do issue process for putting the said Thomas Lee in possession of his land; and that they call Lieutenant Colo Elijah Clark to enforce this order with the Militia of Wilkes County, or such part as may be deemed necessary, that are not on marching orders.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers do receive from James Jackson and Samuel Sterk Esqr a sum of Georgia money in their hands belonging to the State, and ordered to be by them signed agreeable to law.

Tuesday 15th Feby 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the President

John Cunningham Stephen Heard
Myrick Davies.

WHEREAS, it appears to the Board from information that Augustine Banyers of Augusta in the State of Georgia, hath lost a negroe man slave named Sam, which he supposes and believes to be in the State of South Carolina,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the President be requested to give the said Augustin Banyers every assistance in his power for the recovery of the said slave.

Wednesday 16th 1780.

The Honorable Stephen Heard, John Cunningham and John Bilbo proceeded to the choice of a President pro tempore, on account of the death of the Honorable George Wells; when the Honble. Humphry Wells Esq. was unanimously elected.

RESOLVED, that the President and Members of this Board will attend the funeral of the late President at two O'Clock to-morrow.

Thursday 17th Feby 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor

Humphry Wells Esq. President

John Cunningham Stephen Heard
John Bilbo

WHEREAS, it appears from information made to this Board that the late Honble. George Wells Esq. did depart this life untimely and on such a sudden that he had no opportunity of settling any of his worldly affairs, which may be a cause, unless by some means prevented, of his just creditors suffering thereby.

RESOLVED, therefore, that Humphry Wells Esq. be hereby empowered to take into his possession all the estate belonging to the said George Wells, until a proper administration can be had thereon.

Friday 18th Feby 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jno Cunningham John Lindsay
Stephen Heard Myrick Davis.

The Board proceeded to the choice of a President in the room

of the Honorable George Wells Esq. deceased, when it appeared that the Honorable Stephen Heard Esq. was appointed to fill that station for the remainder of the year.

Tuesday 22nd 1780.

The Board met

Present

Mr. President	John Lindsay
Myrick Davis.	John Bilbo
John Cunningham	

A petition of Thomas Lee was presented to the Board setting forth, that having received an order of Council dated 14th Feby 1780. as well as an order of the Council of 1778. for dispossessing Colo. John Dooly of a certain tract of land in Wilkes County, and that the works was properly returned into the office, in order that a grant might pass to him for the same, and that the papers, falling into the hands of the enemy, belonging to that office, has been the means of depriving him of it—

Ordered, That the prayer of the same be granted and that Colo. William Downes and John Graham Esqrs. do resurvey the said tract of land and return a plat thereof into the proper Office; and that the said resurvey be made agreeable to the original Survey.

Whereas, it has been represented to the Board by Mary Young, that she has been illegally deprived of the following negroes, viz, Hannah and her two Children, by John Garnet, William Lucas and Ephraim Darling, and that they were carried by the said persons into South Carolina,

RESOLVED, That the Honorable Brigadier General Williamson be requested to give the said Mary Young every assistance in his power for the recovery of her said negroes.

February 25th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President	John Lindsay
Myrick Davis	John Cunningham
John Bilbo	

RESOLVED, That the following rules be adopted for the government of the Executive Council.

First—That for the dispatching all business of an Executive nature, the Council meet on every Tuesday and Friday unless in cases of emergency, when the Governor or President may at any time summon a Council to meet immediately; that one member from each County stay in or near Town in rotation as the Constitution directs.

Second—That for the ease of the members of Council, while the Legislature sits, two of the said Members meet every day in rotation, and attend regularly, during the hours the Assembly sits, in the Council room for the purposes of the receiving bills and Messages sent to them by the Assembly; that the said Members lay all matters so received by them, before the Board on the days of their meeting; and that the Board immediately or within five days from the time of their being received return an answer to the Assembly.

Third—That each Member not attending agreeable to the times appointed, or when sent for, shall forfeit a sum, not exceeding fifty dollars.

A petition of Francis Settles was presented to the Board and read.

ORDERED, that he be referred to the Deputy Quarter Master General of the Continental Troops in this State for payment.

WHEREAS, an order passed in Council on the fourteenth of February instant for dispossessing Colonel John Dooly of a certain tract of land in Wilkes County which was heretofore determined, on a caveat, by the President and Council in 1778. and an order issued on the same day to three Justices of the said County for putting Thomas Lee in possession; and ordering them to call on Lieut Col° Clark, in case it should appear necessary to enforce the said order, for dispossessing the said Dooly, with such part of the Militia of that County as were not then under Marching orders.

Whereupon the Board proceeded to reconsider the said order, and

RESOLVED, That the said Thomas Lee be referred to his remedy at law.

AND WHEREAS, the said Thomas Lee presented a petition to the Board, on the 24th Instant, praying that a resurvey might be ordered, of the said tract of land, as the former works were returned to the proper office, in order that a grant might pass to him for the same, but that the papers falling into the hands of the enemy, had been the means of depriving him of it:

AND WHEREAS, by the late law it is enacted, that whereas, a number of warrants and returns of plats may be lost in our late confused state, for remedy whereof, that when it shall appear

upon oath that any such paper or description of land may be lost, that grants shall pass for the same. and Whereas, it does not appear to this Board that any such oath has been made by the said Thomas Lee,

RESOLVED, That Colonel William Downes and John Graham Esq. be ordered not to proceed in the said resurvey until the terms of the act be fully complied with and the further orders of this Board, notwithstanding the former order made.

WHEREAS, in and by an act of the General Assembly, entitled "an Act for the more speedy and effectual settling and strengthening this State" it is among other things enacted that a land Office be immediately opened for the purpose of granting lands under the following regulations,

that every citizen of this State, as well as any Citizen of any other State, shall be entitled to a grant of land in the following manner, to be laid out anywhere in this State not in the possession of the Indians: provided, that every such person before he shall obtain such grant, shall bring the whole of his family into the State, and himself take and subscribe the oath of Government: And provided also, that he shall give security to his Honor the Governor and Council for Settling the same within nine months thereafter, Viz, two hundred acres of land for the head of a family, and fifty Acres for each member of the same whether white or black.

RESOLVED, That the said Office be immediately opened under the foregoing regulations, and that the same be made known to the people at large.

RESOLVED also, That the Justices in each County be made acquainted with the above resolution, by the Secretary of this Board.

March 2nd 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President	John Lindsay
Myrick Davis	John Cunningham

ORDERED, That James McLean and William Hammett Esqrs. do superintend the distribution of the public salt in Wilkes County, which is to be in the following viz, one quart for each head of a family; and three bushels for each of the Forts on the Western Frontiers. Provided that none be distributed to those who have lately had, and it shall appear to the said James McLean and William Hammett are not destitute of the article.

ORDERED, That the said persons do take an oath to follow the above regulations.

Information being given, that several persons possessing large quantities of provision and forage have refused to dispose of the same under various pretences whereby the public service is greatly injured to prevent which,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Commanding Officer of the Troops in this State for the time being, be empowered to issue press warrants for such quantities of the above Articles as the service shall require, giving proper certificates for the same; in case such persons shall refuse to dispose of the same.

RESOLVED, That John Gorham Esq. do act as Surveyor General of this State; Colonel Joseph Pannell having declined his appointment to that office.

ORDERED, That James McLean be allowed the ballance of

eleven hundred and eighty five dollars, on his account against the State.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor draw on the Treasurers for nine hundred and twenty dollars in favor of Mr. James M^c^Lean for his trouble in conducting the waggons to and from Charleston.

March 3^d^ 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President	John Lindsay
Myrick Davis	John Cunningham

The following proclamation was issued by Honor the Governor, viz.

GEORGIA.

By His Honor Richard Howley Esq. &^c^. &^c^.

WHEREAS, by an act passed on the last meeting of the General Assembly, it was ordained that the Governor should take proper measures, for preventing as much as possible the illegal practice of plundering, whereby many families are greatly distressed without any benefit to the cause of the State. And Whereas, a line was laid down by the aforesaid law, and a clause of the same declaring it felony for any person or persons, under any pretence whatever, to plunder or take away from any of the inhabitants of this State within the said line, any property; and ordering all such as are not well affected to the confederal alliance to remain

without the same. I do therefore, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, issue this my proclamation, forbidding all and every person from such illegal and shameful practices, which reflect a disgrace on the Sacred cause of America, and assimilate it to the iniquity of that of our enemies.

And, I further order and require, that every person well affected to the cause of the United States, will repair without loss of time to proper places within a line from Hudson's Ferry to Ogechee, and there remain quiet demeaning themselves as good citizens of the State.

Given &C.

RESOLVED, That a nolli prosequi do issue to the Attorney General, on the information against James Greirson Esqr to stay all further proceedings against him on the same.

March 22^{d} 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the President

John Bilbo	Humphry Wells
John Cunningham	Myrick Davis

The petition of Mr. Adam Tate was presented to the Board, setting forth that he formerly traded to the Indian Nation to the year 1773, at which time he returned to this State (then province) from whence he went to the place of his nativity North Carolina, where he resided in the year 1775, at which time his concerns not being altogether settled in West Florida, he went

there, and returned last August to this place, and from thence to North Carolina to become a citizen of that State, but was rejected on a supposition of his being a certain David Tate who was a Commissary or Agent in the Creek Nation on the part and behalf of his Britanick Majesty.

And Whereas, it appears by the certificate of a number of respectable citizens of this State, as also from the affidavit of Martin Weatherford, the said Adam Tate is not the supposed David Tait who was a Commissary or deputy superintendent of Indian affairs as aforesaid; but that he has always been esteemed a true friend to these United State. And this Board being willing to do justice to the said Adam Tate upon the aforesaid certificate and information produced, in order that he may be entitled to all the liberties and priviledges of a citizen

Resolved, that the President be requested to give the said Adam Tate a certificate under his hand and the great Seal of the said State, in order that he may return to the State of North Carolina, and produce the same to the governing power of that State; that they may do therein as to them may seem most meet, this board being of opinion, that the said Adam Tate is a true friend to the American cause.

Georgia.

By His Honor Stephen Heard Esq. President of the Honorable the Executive Council of the Said State.

Agreeable to the request contained in the aforesaid resolution of the Honble the Executive Council of the said State I do hereby certify that the said Adam Tate is not the said supposed David Tait a Commissary, or Superintendent of Indian affairs, on the part and behalf of his Britanick Majesty; but that he has de-

meaned himself as a good and faithful friend to the American cause, since the commencement of the same as has appeared to us.

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the said State, at Augusta the sixteenth day of March 1780, and in the fourth year of American Independence.

STEPHEN HEARD

By His Honors command

SAM[l] STIRK/ S. E. C.

March 23rd 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President	Humphry Wells
John Cunningham	John Bilbo
Myrick Davis	Peter Deveaux

An order was drawn by His Honor the Governor, on the Treasurers in favor of James Simpson, for the sum of three hundred and sixty dollars, being money allowed by the Assembly for the support of a family distressed by the enemy.

A petition signed by a number of the inhabitants of the County of Burke, was presented to the Board and read, whereupon,

RESOLVED, That the merits of the said petition be referred to Col° John Twiggs, and that such persons who have signed the same, and are known to be friends of these States, that he render them every service in his power to prevent for the future, the

illegal practice of plundering them, which it is said has been the case by persons from the back Country. And if any of the said signers should refuse to take the oath prescribed by the late law, that he make known the same, to this Board, that proper steps may be taken against them. And if it should appear proper at this time to the said Colonel John Twiggs to give out ammunition to any of them, that he be empowered to give such quantity to each as he may deem necessary.

March 24th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President	John Lindsay
Peter Deveaux	John Cunningham
Myrick Davis	Humphry Wells.

WHEREAS, it appears that several negroes have been taken out of the state, belonging to various persons; And whereas, such illegal and scandalous practices tend to the ruin and dishonor of the State

RESOLVED, That Blassingame Harvey be empowered and authorized to take up all such negroes as he shall find to be conveyed out of the State as aforesaid, and have them brought back, that the suffering and distressed owners may have such as shall not appear to be forfeited agreeable to the laws and ordinances of the State; And that it be recommended to the Magistrates of the States of North and South Carolina to give all necessary aid to the said Blessengame Harvey in the executing this resolve.

WHEREAS, a representation has been made to this Board by Captain George Robertson, of the State of South Carolina, of

the melancholy situation of John Grant who had his House robb'd, seven negroes plundered and himself wounded by the enemy. And that the remainder of his negroes were taken from him prior to that by Col. Benj. Few; by all which treatment he is reduced to a state of the most languishing distress.

And Whereas, it appears that the said negroes which were taken from him by the said Col. Few, are advertised to be sold, on Saturday the 25. instant; in order therefore, that the unhappy, and much injured man may be preserved from total ruin, and his family from perishing, to the great dishonor of all public justice and humanity.

Resolved, That the sale of the said negroes be postponed until the next sitting of the General Assembly or to further orders of this Board, that the said John Grant may have an opportunity of having his case properly stated and his negroes returned.

His Honor the Governor, laid before the Board a letter from the Honoble Brigadier General Williamson setting forth the great want, the Quarter Master and Commissary in the confederal line, were in for money to supply the demands of the army now in this State; as also an extract of a letter from General Lincoln requiring him to apply to the Governing Powers of this State, for a loan until a Supply arrives from Congress; whereupon,

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be lent to the said Quarter Master and Commissary for the use of their departments, taking their receipts to return the said sum as soon as possible into the Treasury of this State.

An order was drawn on the Treasury by his honor the Governor, in favor of Ann Brown, relict of James Brown, deceased, for the sum of three hundred and sixty dollars, being money allowed by the Assembly for the support of a family distressed by the enemy.

March 25th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President John Cunningham.

An order was drawn on the Treasury by His Honor the Governor in favor of Captain Barron for three thousand and seventeen dollars, being the pay of himself and company, for services rendered the United States from 22nd day of April 1779, to the 18. August 1779, and advanced out of the Treasury of this State on account of the United States.

March 21st 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

John Lindsay
Peter Deveaux
Humphry Wells
John Cunningham
D. McMurphy.

The petition of William Candler was presented to the Board and read; praying that a Committee of the Board might be appointed to examine his accounts this State, with the Auditor General; and report their opinion on the same as soon as the nature of the case will admit.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition cannot be granted.

The petition of John Garnett was read, setting forth that one Thomas Whitehead owes to the Petitioner the sum of 5000 dollars, which he promised to pay to your petitioner, if he procured and delivered to him a negroe who had been taken from the said Whitehead by persons having no authority so to do; that the said Garnett procured and delivered to him the said negroe, but that the said Whitehead has since the delivery joined the British Troops and taken almost the whole of his property within their line, he therefore prays that he may be appointed a Commissioner to take charge of the said Whiteheads estate until the Legislature can take such steps to secure the same.

Resolved, That the said John Garnett do deliver unto Sam[l] Stirk Esq all the property belonging to the said Whitehead, to be disposed of as the General Assembly may think fit.

Application being made to the Board, by the Continental Commissary of purchases, for the loan of a sum of money to supply the demands of the Army,

Resolved, That His Honor the Governor be requested to draw an order on the Treasurers in his favor for ten thousand continental dollars, taking his receipt for the same & return the said sum into the Treasury.

April 25th 1780

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

The President	Myrick Davies
John Cunningham	Caleb Howell.
Humphry Wells	

The petition of Thomas Lee and the certificate of the Cheif Justice was presented to the Board and read, praying that a resurvey of a tract of land whereon John Dooley lives, and which was heretofore determined on a Caveat entered against him and given in his, the said Lee's favor

Ordered, That a resurvey do take place, and that the same be returned into the Surveyor Generals Office, and there remain until the further order of this Board.

The petition of William Dukes was read setting forth (See same).

Ordered, That this day week Blessingame Harvey do attend this Board in order to make his defence to the same, with such witnesses as may be necessary.

Whereas, several complaints have been made to this Board by sundry persons against Colº John Dooly and Major Smith, who have deprived them of their cattle and other property, and several of the said persons being well affected to the American cause whereby such illegal practices tend to the infamy and degradation of the same;

Ordered, That they do attend this Board on the fifth day of May next, in order that the circumstances may be enquired into.

May 5th 1780

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

The President	John Lindsay
Humphry Wells	Daniel McMurphy
——— Howell	Peter Deveaux
Myrick Davis	John Cunningham.

WHEREAS, Blessingame Harvey hath this day appeared to answer the complaint made against him by William Dukes relative to two negroes.

ORDERED, That the determination of this matter be referred till this day fortnight.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to take immediate measures for erecting redoubts and other plans of defence for the Town of Augusta, at such places as he shall judge most necessary for the public safety.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to issue a proclamation requiring all persons who have located lands in such parts of this State and have not settled the same, to come in agreeable to the terms of the act in that case made & provided, to settle the same under the penalties therein contained—

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to appoint a future day for entering caveats by persons who have, or pretend to have titles or rights to lands in Wilkes, Richmond and Burke Counties, to shew cause, if any they can, why grants should not pass to persons claiming the same.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to

appoint future and stated days for signing grants to the inhabitants of the aforesaid Counties, as well as of the other Counties of this State, and all other persons claiming grants for tracts or lots of land in the same.

RESOLVED, That it be recommended to His Honor the Governor, to write to Major General Lincoln relative to the distress that the planters in this State have suffered, by the Continental Officers, in taking their property without giving them the least satisfaction in payment for the same. And that it be recommended to him to have these grievances redressed as soon as possible.

RESOLVED, That the following persons from henceforth receive the several fees hereinafter mentioned as fees of Office for doing the matters of business mentioned opposite to such fees; and that no public Officer his deputy or agent, or person acting as such shall on any pretence whatever, demand or receive any further or other fees than is allowed in the table, any usage or custom to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

GOVERNORS FEES.

	Dollars
Warrant for land signing same	16.
Every grant signed and sealed	60.
Signing and Sealing a testimonial	40.
Signing a Marriage license	80.
The Great Seal to any paper	14.
A Dedimus Potestatem	40.

SECRETARY'S FEES.

A Warrant for land .....

Dollars

Filing the Fiat .....

A grant for land, for prepaiing the wax & affixing the same for the Seal, if five hundred acres or under .....

If above five hundred acres.....

Letters of Guardianship .....

A testimonial with the Great Seal.....

Every search ....

Recording or copying any deed Per copy sheet....

A Marriage license and bond.....

Entering satisfaction on Mortgage.....

Entering a brand or mark.....

Prepairing and countersigning a Dedimus Potestatem ....

A Commission for a place of profit amounting to the value of fifteen pounds per annum or upwards ....

If under that Value .....

Preparing the wax and attending the fixing the Great Seal to any paper.....

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Drawing & reading a petition.....

An order on that petition.....

The Copy of any paper exceeding two copy sheets per copy ....

Dollars

The copy of any paper not exceeding two copy sheets .....

A citation of summons.....

Entering any paper per copy sheet, or copies of them .....

Every oath in Council (State oaths excepted)....

Reading, countersigning & entering all grants signed in Council .....

Attending and entering the minutes on caveats for land & order thereon.....

Reading reasons or any written evidences relating thereto .....

Attend^g & administering State oaths to any person admitted to any place of profit, and giving certificate thereof if required for a place upwards of fifteen pounds pr. An.....

A place of that value or under.....

For drawing, countersigning and Sealing Militia Commissions .....

For every order on the Treasurers drawn by direction of the Governor in Council.....

THE SURVEYOR GENERALS FEES.

For a copy of every warrant and a precept thereon

For a new precept or prolonging an old one.....

For every hundred acres of land surveyed.....

Dollars

For each plat, record of that plat, and certificate thereon .....

For the Survey of a Town lot.....

For a plat of a Town lot, recorded & certificate of same .....

For an attested copy of plat.....

For a Search (that is every different name)....

For a certificate.....

For business done by special order of Council not herein provided for.....

For a copy of a warrant without a precept, and certifying the same .....

FEES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF GRANTS.

Every Audit of a Grant for land.....

Every search .....

THE REGISTER OF GRANTS FEES.

Registering any Grant per copy sheet.....

A certified copy of any grant per copy sheet.....

Every search .....

THE DEPUTY SURVEYORS FEES.

For every survey under 20 miles from his place of abode .....

Also, for every survey per hundred acres.....

	Dollars
Also, for a plat of each survey, certified and returned to the Surveyor Generals Office.....	
For every survey above twenty miles from his place of abode, for every 20 miles exceeding that distance	
For running out a Town Lot if cleared.....	
If not cleared	
For a certificate of the same returned to the Surveyor Generals Office	

Tuesday 9th May 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President	Humphry Wells
John Lindsay	Caleb Howell
Peter Deveaux	Myrick Davies.
John Cunningham	

Resolved, That Friday, the eighteenth instant be the day for hearing such caveats as may have been entered with the Clerk of this Board, and every Friday following be the day for the hearing of such caveats as may in future may be entered after the eighteenth instant as aforesaid.

Resolved also, That Tuesday the twenty second instant be the day for signing grants for lands, where no contested title

shall appear; and to continue every Tuesday until the same is finally completed; and that on the said day lands will be ordered to any person petitioning for the same provided the application is agreeable to a former order of this Board.

RESOLVED also, That all persons claiming grants for lands do, on the twenty second instant, and every day Council shall be held after that time, apply themselves or by their Deputy for the same.

WHEREAS, in consideration of the close investiture of Charleston by the enemy, and the absolute necessity there is, of opening a communication between the Country and that Town, the taking of which appears to be the principal and only object of the enemy; and on the preservation whereof, the general safety in a great measure depends; And whereas, by a report of a Council of Officers, convened by His Honor the Governor, it appears that the militia of this State are adequate to the defence of the same, more especially as large drafts have been lately made from the regular forces of the Enemy in the lower parts of this State and sent to Charleston.

RESOLVED, That the militia belonging to South Carolina and now in this State, do immediately proceed to the assistance of Charleston, except the independent Companies of the aforesaid State.

RESOLVED, That it be recommended to His Honor the Governor, to consider what further aid of the militia, belonging to the State, the safety of the same, and the circumstances of the enemy's force will admit of, to be sent for the assistance of Charleston.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Board be returned to Brigadier General Williamson, for his past attention to this State, and that His Honor the Governor be requested to furnish the Governor of South Carolina with a copy of these resolves.

Resolved, That His Honor the Governor be requested to take proper measures for having brought into this State the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, sent by an escort by the Board of War, from Congress, and which are now at Camden.

Resolved, That Mr. President, Messrs Lindsay, Howell, Deveaux and Wells be a committee to fix the fees of office to be taken by the public officers of this State, and report thereon on Friday next.

Whereas, it has been represented to this Board, by the Commissioners appointed to administer the Test, to the inhabitants in and about the Town of Augusta, that William Manson and Andrew Johnston have refused to take and subscribe the Test when summoned so to do.

Ordered That the said William Manson and Andrew Johnston do attend on this Board on Friday next, to shew cause why the law ordaining and enjoining a Test, should not be executed with respect to them.

Whereas, it has been represented to this Board by Mary Sizemore, that she has since the departure of her husband, who has joined the British Troops, been plundered by a number of persons of the property she had in possession; and prays that proper persons may be appointed to take charge of the same in order that justice may be administered to his creditors.

Resolved, That Alexander Ottrey and Henry Dukes be appointed Commissioners to take charge of the property of William Sizemore, and require all persons having in their possession any part of the same to deliver it into their hands.

Ordered, That David Emanuel be appointed one of the Commissioners for administering the Test to the inhabitants of the County of Burke in the room of Daniel M^c^Murphy Esq.

The Board met

May 12th 1780.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President	Mr. Davis
Mr. Wells,	Mr. Deveaux
Mr. Howell	Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Lindsay	

William Manson appeared before the Board agreeable to order of the ninth of May, and having declared that he could not, on account of conscientious scruples, take and subscribe the Test, as he proposed to spend the remainder of his days in Great Britain.

Resolved, That His Honor the Governor take proper measures for removing the said William Manson within the enemy's Lines, and that he be allowed a proper time for disposing of his effects

Andrew Johnston having appeared agreeable to order

Ordered, That it be referr'd untill Tuesday next for consideration.

The Board met

May 16th 1780.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President	Mr. Davis
Mr. Wells	Mr. Deveaux
Mr. Howell	Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Lindsay	

WHEREAS, a petition was presented and read; signed by a number of the inhabitants residing in and about the Town of Augusta, praying the Board to suspend the operation of the law enjoining a Test, with respect to Doctor Andrew Johnston, and the Board being inclined from humanity as well as an attention to the names of the persons subscribed to the said petition, many of whom merit great consideration.

RESOLVED, That all further proceedings in the case of the said Doctor Andrew Johnston be postponed until the meeting of the Assembly.

The Board met

May 19th 1780.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President	John Cunningham
Mr. Howell	Mr. Deveaux
Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Davies

George Wyche and Hugh McGee appeared before the Board

and qualified as Commissioners for administering the Test to the inhabitants of the lower parts of the County of Richmond.

The aforesaid persons likewise qualified as Magistrates for the said County.

Mr. Dukes and Mr. Harvey having attended agreeable to the order of the fifth of May instant, by their Councel and having been heard relative to the matters set forth his petition

RESOLVED, That the said William Dukes be referred to a Court of law for his remedy.

May 23d 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Mr. President	Mr. Davis
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Lindsay.
Mr. Wells	

RESOLVAED, That it is the opinion of this Board, that His Honor the Governor should retire to some place of safety, either South or North Carolina, as from a longer delay his situation might endanger the liberty of his person—

RESOLVED, That the public monies be placed in the hands of the President and be paid off, as the occasion of public service may require, under his direction; and that of the Executive Council, in the absence of His Honor the Governor—

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be advanced

out of the Treasury of this State, to the Continental Officers, for bearing their expences in their journey to the Northward and that His Honor the Governor draw in favor of Lieutenant Colonel Moore for the same.

May 24th 1780.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the President

Mr. Wells Mr. Lindsay
Mr. Davies.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay into the hands of Colonel John Dooly, twenty thousand dollars, the same being advanced to him by the State for the payment of the Troops under his command, taking his receipt to be accountable for the same, and return it into the Treasury as soon as he can obtain money from the confederal Chest.

An order was drawn on the Treasury by His Honor the President in favor of Doctor Humphry Wells for medicine purchased for the Director General of the Hospitals in this State, for two thousand, five hundred and twenty six dollars.

Also His Honor the President drew an order on the Treasury in favor of Samuel Sterk for two thousand dollars in part of his Salerary as Secretary to this Board.

Also an order on the Treasury in favor of John Lindsay Esq. (a Member of this Board, for two thousand, four hundred and ninety for his attendance from the 12th Feby 1780 to the 26th May Inst.—

May 25. 1780

Present

His Honor the President

Mr. Wells Mr. Lindsay
Mr. Davies.

An order was drawn on the Treasury by His Honor the President in favor of Titus Hollinger for six hundred dollars for house rent for the Treasury and Secretary of States Officer.

An order was drawn in favor of John Milledge Esq. Attorney General, for three thousand dollars, in part payment of his Salary allowed him by the House of Assembly.

ORDERED, That the Treasurers pay into the hands of Colonel John Twiggs twenty thousand dollars * * * * * *

RESOLVED, That an order be drawn on the Treasury by His Honor the President, in favor of Colonel John Twiggs the same to be advanced to him as a loan by this State for the use of the Continent, for the payment of persons employed in secret services.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the President be requested to draw on the Treasury in favor of the Continental Quarter Master, Richard Wylley Esq. for eight thousand dollars, for the use of this Department, taking his receipt to return the said sum as soon as possible into the Treasury of this State.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the President be requested to draw on the Treasury in favor of the Honble. Brigadier General Williamson for ten thousand dollars, taking his receipt to return that sum as soon as possible into the Treasury of this State.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the President, be requested to

draw on the Treasury in favor of the Continental Commissary Seth John Cuthbert, for fifteen thousand dollars, for the use of his Department; taking his receipt to return the said sum as soon as possible, in to the Treasury of this State.

Augusta 19th August 1781.

This day, the Executive Council, chosen by the Representatives of the State of Georgia, in General Assembly met; proceeded to the choice of a President: when Myrick Davies Esquire was unanimously chosen.

Present

Charles Odingsel	Abraham Ravot
Joseph Woodruff	Humphry Wells
James Jones	Daniel Coleman

Ordered, That Humphry Wells and Charles Odingsel be a Committee to employ a door keeper.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Myrick Davis	Joseph Woodruff
Abraham Ravot	Humphry Wells
Charles Odingsel	James Jones
Daniel Coleman	

The petition of Abenton & Rachel Felps was laid before the Board and read.

Resolved, it is the opinion of this Board, that the prayer of the petition comes under the cognizance of the Courts of Justice, and that this Board can take no order in the matter.

The House adjourned till to-morrow 9 O'Clock.

August 20th 1781.

The Board met according to adjournment

Present

His honor the Governor

Myrick Davis	Joseph Woodruff
Abraham Ravot	Humphry Wells
Charles Odingsel	James Jones
Daniel Coleman	

A Bill for the regulation of the Militia of this State being sent by the Honble. the House of Assembly; the Council proceeded to take the same into consideration, return'd with amendment—

A Bill for making certain persons citizens, and for burying in oblivion, the crime of the British protection, was laid before the Board, by a Committee from the House of Assembly, for their consideration, was approved of.

Ordered, That James Jones and Charles Odingsel Esquires, be a Committee to wait on the House of Assembly, with the foregoing bills, with the proposed amendment.

A Bill for the prevention of internal conspiracies and other purposes, was brought before the Board by a Committee of the House of Assembly,

The Board upon considering the bill proposed, that an oath be annexed to the said bill, to be taken by the several Committees.

Ordered, That Mr. Coleman and Doctor Wells do wait on the Honorable House of Assembly with the said Bill.

Adjourned till 4 O'Clock.

Wednesday August 22nd 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Myrick Davis	Joseph Woodruff
Abraham Ravot	Daniel Coleman
Humphry Wells	Charles Odingsel.

An act to continue the several acts heretofore made, was laid before the Board, taken in to consideration and approved of.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to wait on the Honorable House of Assembly with said act; and that Messrs Ravot & Woodruff be that Committee.

Adjourned till 4 O'Clock.

The Board met according to adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor

Myrick Davis	Abraham Ravot
Humphry Wells	Charles Odingsel
Daniel Coleman	Joseph Woodruff
James Jones.	

Agreeable to a resolve of the Honble the House of Assembly His Honor the Governor proceeded to qualify the Justices, for the different Counties within this State, when the following Gentlemen were duly qualified.

The House adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Thursday, August 23rd 1781.

The House met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Myrick Davis	Joseph Woodruff
Humphry Wells	Charles Odingsel
Daniel Coleman	

Two letters from Colº Clark, one to His Honor the Governor, and the other to the Speaker of the House of Assembly, was laid before the Board and read.

WHEREAS, disputes have arisen concerning the Colº Woodruffs appointment as Deputy Q. M. Genl.

ORDERED, That Colº Woodruff be requested to act as Deputy Q. Master Genl. for this State, untill such time as the matter can be properly elucidated, and that he be empowered to employ assistants.

ORDERED, That Colº Woodruff be requested to apply to the Commissioners of sequestered Estates, for such Negroes and other articles belonging to them as he may want for his Department.

Adjourned till 4 O'Clock.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Myrick Davis	Charles Odingsel
Joseph Woodruff	Abraham Ravot
Humphry Wells	Daniel Coleman

ORDERED, That a General Muster of the Militia of this State, be on Thursday the 30th Instant, and that a draft be made of one half of the same, and that they hold themselves in readiness to march at a minutes warning.

ORDERED, That the D. Q. Master General, do immediately proceed to make every exertion in collecting horses, Waggons & every other Material necessary in his Department.

WHEREAS, it is absolutely necessary that the Commissary and Quarter Master, do immediately provide necessaries for the support of an Army.

RESOLVED, That they have power to impress all articles which shall be wanted in their several departments, and cannot otherwise be had, giving certificates to the persons from whom such articles are impressed, specifying the quantity and quality and in case of cattle where the owners cannot immediately be found, they are to keep an account of the marks, brands & age thereof.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Friday August 24th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Myrick Davis
Joseph Woodruff
Charles Odingsel.
Daniel Coleman
Abraham Ravot

ORDERED, George Walton D. C. General do immediately apply to the late acting Deputy Commissary General for all public stores he may have in his possession.

Adjourned till 4 O'Clock.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan
Charles Odingsel
Daniel Coleman.
Abraham Ravot
Joseph Woodruff

ORDERED, That Mr. Chesley Bostick, late acting Deputy Q. M. & Commissary General, deliver all public stores in his possession to the Deputy Q. M. & Commissary General or their order.

WHEREAS, the daily depredations committed in this neighborhood convinces this Board of the necessity of immediately putting in Execution the act of Assembly, entitled An act for the prevention of internal conspiracies & for empowering certain Committees therein named, to examine into the conduct of certain suspicious persons.

ORDERED, That the Committees for the several Counties do proceed to put the said act, immediately into execution.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Sunday August 26th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	Joseph Woodruff
Charles Odingsel	Daniel Coleman
Humphry Wells	

On information recd by His Honor the Governor, that the enemy are now embodied to march against this post, it is the opinion of this Board that the draught of one half the militia of this State, be immediately made and embodied at the Station on Spirit Creek, and that His Honor the Governor do issue orders.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10. O'Clock

Monday 27th August 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	Joseph Woodruff
Daniel Coleman	Charles Odingsel

On an appeal of Samuel and Judah Lyons, who was ordered off by the Committee of the County of Richmond, before this Board.

ORDERED, That they have leave to carry the said negro woman down with them.

The Board adjourned.

Wednesday August 29th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Myrick Davis	Jonathan Bryan
Joseph Woodruff	Abraham Ravot
Daniel Coleman	Charles Odingsel
Humphry Wells	

Doubts arising whether Mr. John Wilkinson, appointed Justice of the peace, and Register of Probates for the County of

Richmond, by the late Assembly, be admitted to take the oaths of Office,

Resolved in the negative.

The petition of Mrs. Mackey was laid before the Board & read. No. 1.

The petition of Mary Ingram and Elizabeth Douglass was laid before the Board and read No. 2.

The petition of Elizabeth Mode was laid before the Board and read—No. 3.

Ordered, That the Committee for the County of Richmond do, on Friday next, lay before this Board, the reasons and evidence which influenced them to order the said Petitioners within the British lines.

Resolved, That Major John S. Eustace be appointed Adjutant General for this State, with the rank of Colonel.

Whereas, from information it appears that the Delegates for this State in Congress have obtained an order on Joseph Clay Esqr Deputy Pay Master General, to the army in the Southern States for £1500 Sterling, in bills of exchange on France, for the purpose of procuring cloathing and other necessary supplies for the militia in actual service belonging to the said State.

Resolved, That the said Joseph Clay Esq. be desired and empowered to negotiate the said bills, and to apply two thirds of the avails thereof, in purchasing cloathing and other necessaries for the said Militia, and to transmit the remainder to the Treasury of this State.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morning 10. O'Clock.

August 30th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Myrick Davis	Daniel Coleman
Charles Odingsel	Abraham Ravot
Jenkin Davis	

James Bryan, Esquire Treasurer for this State, appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly, waited on the Board and took and subscribed the following oath Viz,

I, A. B. appointed Treasurer of this State, do solemnly and sincerely swear and declare in the presence of Almighty God, that I will during my continuance therein; well, faithfully and honestly, to the best of my knowledge and ability, execute the Office of Treasurer of this State; And that I will not on any occasion or pretence, apply any monies, which shall or may be in my hands, belonging to this State to any private uses or purposes whatsoever— So help me God—

JAMES BRYAN Treasurer.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10. O'Clock.

Friday 31st August 1781

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Myrick Davis	Jonathan Bryan
Jenkin Davis	Joseph Woodruff
Daniel Coleman	Charles Odingsel
Humphry Wells	Abraham Ravot

The petition of Jane Oliver & Sarah Johnson was laid before the Board and read.

ORDERED, That the Committee be desired to lay before the Board this afternoon, at three O'Clock the reasons and evidence that influenced them to order the above petitioners off.

Committee of Richmond County for ordering off suspected persons

Reports,

On the petition of Mrs. Mary Mackey.

ORDERED, That the prayer of the petition be granted

On the petition of Mrs. Douglass & Mrs. Ingram

The prayer of the said petition can by no means be granted in any respect.

On the petition of Elizabeth Mode.

The prayer of the petition cannot be granted.

ORDERED, That the Commissioners for the County of Richmond, do deliver to the Commissary of issues one Hhd. of Tobacco for public use.

The Board adjourned till five O'Clock.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

The Committee report,

On the petition of Jane Oliver and Sarah Johnson, That neither of them can be admitted, as having connections in the British lines.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday morning 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday September 4th 1781.

The Board met according to adjournment

Myrick Davis Esquire President

Jonathan Bryan
Charles Odingsel
Abraham Ravot.
Jenkin Davis
Humphry Wells

The petition of John Wilkinson was laid before the Board and read.

This Board is of opinion that the act alluded to does by no means hinder Mr. Wilkinson from doing his duty as a Soldier, as that would be the likeliest thing to clear him of any charge that might be brought against him in consequence thereof. They are further of opinion that the prayer of the said petition does not come under their jurisdiction.

The Board adjourned till Friday 10 O'Clock.

Thursday 6th September.

The Board met

Present

Myrick Davis Esquire	James Jones.
Jonathan Bryan	Joseph Woodruff
Abraham Ravot	Jenkin Davis

A letter being recd from Major General Greene directed to His Honor the Governor,

ORDERED, That the same be read.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Friday September 7th 1781.

The Board met

President Myrick Davis Esquire

Charles Odingsel	Joseph Woodruff
James Jones	Abraham Ravot
Jenkin Davis	

The Board adjourned till Tuesday 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday September 11th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis	Jenkin Davis
Humphry Wells	Joseph Woodruff
Jonathan Bryan	

A letter from Lieut. Colonel Jackson was laid before the Board and read.

RESOLVED, That Lieut Colº Jackson be empowered to purchase, one hundred Dragoon Horses for the use of his corps, and that he give certificates on this State for the same, payable in four months, with interest from the date which certificates shall be paid out of the monies arising from the sales of the sequestered and absentees estates; or received as specie by the Treasury in payment of Taxes. And that he be allowed to give a sum not exceeding thirty pounds sterling for each horse.

ORDERED, That the D. Q. M. General for this State, be empowered to purchase horses, such as may be wanted, for the use of his Department, giving certificates as above mentioned—

The Board adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 O'Clock

Wednesday 12th September 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis	Jonathan Bryan
Humphry Wells	Jenkin Davis

A Letter from Major Stirk was laid before the Board and read.

ORDERED, That the consideration be postponed.

The necessity of procuring arms, for the use of this State, appears so fully to this Board, it is therefore,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to appoint such persons as he may think necessary, to procure, or if not otherwise to be had, to impress iron, steel or any other requisite in order to forward the same. And that he be likewise empowered to employ a sufficient number of persons to work the same into arms for the purpose above mentioned; giving certificates for all articles so procured, payable in four months, out of the monies arising from the sales of sequestered estates.

The Board adjourned till Friday 10 O'Clock.

Friday September 14th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis	Abraham Ravot
Charles Odingsel	Jonathan Bryan
Daniel Coleman	Jenkin Davis
Joseph Woodruff	Humphry Wells.

A Letter from Major Stirk was laid before the Board and read——postponed.

As a Register of Probates has not yet qualified for the County of Richmond, therefore

Ordered, That all persons who have any property in their hands, belonging to the Estate of Mr. James Goldwire, deceased, do deliver the same to Mr. Abraham Marshal appointed an Executor to the last will & testament of said deceased.

The petition of Judah Hicombotom was laid before the Board —Inadmissible.

The Board adjourned till Monday 9 O'Clock.

Monday 17th September 1781.

Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis	Jonathan Bryan
Jenkin Davis	Daniel Coleman
Charles Odingsel	Abraham Ravot.

ORDERED, That Colº William Few pay into the hands of His Honor the Governor the money brought by him from Congress to be applied as necessity may require.

The sum of seven hundred and seventy dollars was paid by Colº Wm Few into the hands of the Governor.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be desired to send a talk to the Creek Indians, and likewise to write a letter to the Governor of Pensacola.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor enquire into the state of Colonel Jacksons Regiment and give such orders as may appear necessary, in order to cloath the same.

A Letter from Colº Eustace was laid before the Board and read— postponed.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday 18. September 1781.

The Board met according to adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis	Jonathan Bryan
Abraham Ravot	Daniel Coleman
Jenkin Davis	James Jones
Charles Odingsel	Humphry Wells

Adjourned till Friday 10 O'Clock.

Saturday 22nd September 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan	Abraham Ravot
Daniel Coleman	Humphry Wells
Charles Odingsel.	

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to supply Mr. Odingsel with a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing salt for the use of the Troops of this State; and order a number of pack horses to be sent with an escort, for the same.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday 10 O'Clock.

Monday 24th September 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan	Abraham Ravot
Humphry Wells	Dan[l] Coleman
Charles Odingsel	

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be empowered and requested to order a draft of one half the militia that remain undrafted in Burk and Richmond Counties and one third of the whole militia of Wilkes County and march them to join Gen[l] Twiggs.

The Board adjourned till Wednesday 10 O'Clock.

Wednesday 26th September 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan	Abraham Ravot
Daniel Coleman	Charles Odingsel

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to write a letter to Major General Greene representing the situation of this State, and soliciting of him such aid from the Continental army as can be spared.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor supply Major

Charles Odingsel with ten guineas, and General Twiggs with twenty guineas for the service of this State.

The petition of William Tarvin was laid before the Board and read—Not granted.

The Board adjourned till Friday 10 O'Clock.

Friday September 28th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan	Jenkin Davis
Daniel Coleman	Abraham Ravot

Colonel Jackson having represented to this Board, that horses cannot be obtained fit for service, at the price limited in a resolve of the 7th Instant.

RESOLVED, That he be authorized to give a sum not exceeding forty five pounds sterling for each horse as Specified in the aforementioned resolved.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to issue a proclamation, setting apart a day of public thanksgiving for the late success of the American arms.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday October 2nd 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan	Daniel Coleman
Humphry Wells	Abraham Ravot
James Jones.	

The petition of Abbington Felps was laid before the Board and read—granted provided the appeal was lawfully made.

The petition of Martha Hooker was laid before the Board and read— Thereon

Ordered, That the Committee of Burk County be requested to lay before this Board the reasons why they ordered Mrs. Martha Hooker within the British Lines, she having appealed.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Wednesday October 3rd 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Daniel Coleman	Abraham Ravot
Humphry Wells	James Jones.

Ordered, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to march, immediately, the remaining part of the

militia of Richmond & Burk Counties to join General Twiggs, in order to relieve the remainder of those first drafted from the said Counties.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to send as soon as possible two men with a talk to the Creek Indians & a letter which they are to forward to the Governor of Pensacola, and that they take and subscribe the following oath— I, A. B. do solemnly swear, that I will to the best of my knowledge fulfil the the instructions which is given me by His Honor the Governor of this State, and that I will not by any means give or cause to be given any other talk to the Creek Indians, than that which is given me by him— So help me God.

RICH[d] HENDERSON
JOHN ANDERSON

The Board adjourned till Friday 10 O'Clock.

Friday October 5th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis
Humphry Wells
James Jones.
Jonathan Bryan
Jenkin Davis

ORDERED, That Thursday the 18th Instant September be a day of public thanksgiving & prayer; and that notice be given thereof—

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be empowered to

issue a press warrant, to impress any horses which may be found in any of the cornfields belonging to the sequestered Estates, of which all persons are required to take particular notice.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday October 9th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis	Jonathan Bryan
Jenkin Davis	Abraham Ravot

The Board adjourned till Tuesday at Head Quarters in Burk County. — — — — —

Howells plantation in Burk County

Tuesday October 16th

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis	Abraham Ravot
Jenkin Davis	James Jones.

ORDERED, That a number of Militia Dragoons and mounted Infantry be immediately raised for the service of this State, to be enroled for three months and subject to the regulations of the militia law, provided that each Dragoon do furnish himself

with a good horse, sword and pistols, and each of the Infantry do furnish himself with a good horse and gun, that each Company consist of at least thirty privates, a Captain and Lieutenant— It is however not to be understood that any officer is to take a man out of a draft untill he has at least twenty men enroled and equipt for service, at which time, General Twiggs, or in his absence, the officer next in Command, shall review them, when the term of their enrolment shall commence. And His Honor the Governor is hereby requested & empowered to issue recruiting orders for that purpose.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Camp, Wednesday October 17th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis	Abraham Ravot
Jenkin Davis	James Jones

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor pay Mrs. Wereat six pounds 10/6. specie for Two lbs of flour for his household use, and charge the same to acct of this State.

ORDERED, That Colo John Martin be appointed Commissary of Military Stores in the room of Major Stirk who has resigned.

Adjourned till Friday 10 O'Clock.

Camp, Friday 19th October 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis	Jenkin Davis
Daniel Coleman	James Jones
Abraham Ravot Esqr	

WHEREAS, the freeholders of the County of Richmond neglected to appoint a Sheriff for the same, at the last general election. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That Lewis Gardner Esquire be appointed to that post.

The petition of sundry inhabitants of Burke County was laid before the Board and read. Referred to the Board of Commissioners, and request they report thereon, on Tuesday next.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor issue a dedimus to the Honble. William Few & John Germany Esqrs or either of them, to qualify the Magistrates of Richmond County; and that the Court of said County, have power to appoint a Clerk for the time present.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow.

Camp, Saturday October 20th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis — Abraham Ravot
Daniel Coleman — James Jones
Jenkin Davis Esquires

WHEREAS, there is but one brigade in the field, there appears to be no occasion for an Adjutant General, therefore,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to discharge Colº John Skey Eustace, appointed Adjutant General of Militia by this Board the 29th of August last—

ORDERED, That the Commissary of issues at Augusta, furnish the waggons from Wilkes County with a load of corn for each, taking a receipt for the same.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday next.

Monday October 22nd 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davies — Abraham Ravot
Jenkin Davis — Daniel Coleman
James Jones.

WHEREAS, There is an immediate necessity for a Commissary of hides and tallow, it is therefore,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Lemuel Lanier be appointed for that purpose, and that the Commissioners of sequestered Estates do furnish a negroe to assist him in the business.

This Board having taken into consideration the petition of Mrs. Martha Hooker, of the 29th September, with the report of the Committee of Burke County thereon, it is therefore,

RESOLVED, That the prayer of said petition be granted and as it appears since that time, that her husband Nathan Hooker is dead, it is therefore recommended to Commissioners of sequestered estates, to postpone the sale of the personal estate of the said Nathan Hooker until the meeting of the next Genl. Assembly.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning.

Tuesday October 23rd 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis
Abraham Ravot
James Jones.
Jenkin Davis
Daniel Coleman

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to order an escort of twenty five men and two waggons to be ready at Augusta, to proceed to head quarters, as soon as possible, with Colo. William Few, in order to procure a supply of ammunition &C.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday October 24th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis — Jenkin Davis
James Jones — Daniel Coleman
Abraham Ravot Esquires

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to order, immediately, the whole of the militia of this State to join camp as soon as they can possibly be collected—

The Board adjourned till Friday morning—

October 26th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis — Abraham Ravot
Jenkin Davis — James Jones.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to furnish Colo Martin Comr of Military Stores, with a sum of money in order to enable him to purchase one hundred weight of lead for the use of the troops of this State.

The Board adjourned to Augusta on Tuesday next at 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday October 30th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis	Jonathan Bryan
Joseph Woodruff	Abraham Ravot
James Jones	Humphry Wells

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be allowed to apply twenty guineas of the money in his hands, to his own private use, he to be accountable for the same.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Wednesday 31st October 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis	Joseph Woodruff
Humphry Wells	Jonathan Bryan
James Jones.	

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor issue a special Commission of Oyer and terminer to His Honor the Chief Justice, or the Senior Assistant Justice, appointing Monday the 12th day of November next, for trial of all criminals within the County of Richmond; and that the same be convened at Augusta.

Adjourned till Friday 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday November 6th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Myrick Davis	Jonathan Bryan
Joseph Woodruff	James Jones
Humphry Wells	Daniel Coleman.

Ordered, That Mr. William Lord be appointed Commissary of hides & tallow, in place of Mr. Laml Lanier who has declined serving.

Ordered, That His Honor the Governor let Colo Woodruff have twenty four dollars, for the use of his department.

Adjourned till Friday next.

Friday November 9th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan	Daniel Coleman
Jenkin Davis	Joseph Woodruff
James Jones	

Ordered, That His Honor pay Mr. Daniellys acct. for riding express to & from Philadelphia, out of the public money in his hands, taking his receipt.

Ordered, That His Honor the Governor be requested and

empowered to order the remainder of the Militia of the County of Richmond to march to camp, in order to relieve those now on duty. Any Company is to have credit for what men are enroled in the three months service, which belong to their respective districts.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be empowered and requested to pay Mr. Lindsay four pounds sterling in part of his annuity.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday next.

Tuesday November 13th 1781.

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan	Jenkin Davis
Joseph Woodruff	Wm Gibbons
James Jones	Daniel Coleman
Charles Odingsel	

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to issue orders to the Commissaries to employ drivers for collecting the cattle from the S° side of Ogechee, and that General Twiggs be requested to cover the same.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to issue orders to the purchasing Commissary that they collect no breeding cattle for the Slaughter and that they collect cattle in such manner as will be least distressing to any of the inhabitants of this State.

ORDERED, That Col° Jackson be ordered to make a return, to His Honor the Governor, of his legion at this post with a

particular description of all artificers, women, children, &C. And that His Honor the Governor take such measures thereon as he may think necessary.

ORDERED, That Mr. Nathaniel Hicks be allowed to draw five rations, Mrs. Wereat rations, Mrs. Zebray two rations, she being in distress.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morning—

Wednesday November 14th 1781.

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Joseph Woodruff
William Gibbons.
Daniel Coleman
Charles Odingsel

RESOLVED, That the following regulations be immediately adopted by the forage Masters department

That the Councillors draw two rations.

Cheif Justice two

All persons having a certificate from His Honor the Governor, of his being in public service, agreeable to his order—

The Continental and Militia Officers agreeable to the Continental regulations for the Departnt.. And that six quarts of corn be deemed a ration.

ORDERED, That the salt purchased by Major Odingsel be put into the hands of the Commissary of Military Stores and issued to none, except by an order, from His Honor the Governor.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor furnish Major Odingsel with the sum of twenty guineas in specie for the purpose of purchasing salt for the use of the Militia of this State.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Thursday 15th November 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Humphry Wells
Charles Odingsel.
William Gibbons
Daniel Coleman

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor furnish Doct. Dunwoodie with four half Johannases for the purpose of providing necessaries for the use of the sick in the Hospitals of this State.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morning.

Friday November 16th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Joseph Woodruff
James Jones
Daniel Coleman
William Gibbons
Humphry Wells.

ORDERED, That the issuing Commissary supply the women &

children of Col° Jacksons Legion with twenty five & half rations daily.

ORDERED, That Mr. Lawson have an order for three bushels of corn weekly, & Mr. Patterson two bushels weekly they to be accountable.

ORDERED, That notice be given to the Electors, for the Counties in Alarm, that they meet at Augusta, in order to elect members to represent them in General Assembly of the State.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 O'Clock.

Sunday evening 18th November 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan	William Gibbons
Daniel Coleman	Joseph Woodruff
Jenkin Davis	

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to order Genl. Twiggs with what men is with him in Camp & Col° McKay with those of the three months service to repair immediately to Augusta. And that Col° Martin be ordered to collect as soon as possible the whole of his battalion to meet at this post.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morning.

Monday November 19th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan	Daniel Coleman
William Gibbons	Joseph Woodruff

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to countermand the orders sent last night to Lt Colo McKay.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday November 20th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan	William Gibbons
Daniel Coleman	James Jones
Joseph Woodruff	

ORDERED, That Colo McMurphy be permitted to draw rations for his family agreeable to the regulations of Council, he to be accountable.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Wednesday November 21st 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan	William Gibbons
Jenkin Davis	James Jones

Information being made to Council that a quantity of public hides, was put into the hands of Sr Patrick Houston to be tanned on halves, & that a small part only have been received, Therefore,

ORDERED That His Honor the Governor be desired to apply to the commanding officer in South Carolina for the remainder of the said leather.

On application of Colo McIntosh

ORDERED That His Honor the Governor give orders for Colc McIntosh to receive five bushels of corn, he to be accountable.

On application

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be directed to give an order to Mrs Emely Horn for two bushels of corn & 30lb beef per month (she being an object of charity) till otherways ordered by this Board. And that the Attorney Genl. be allowed to draw the same rations as one of the Executive Council.

It appears to this Board absolutely necessary that a number of public horses therefore,

ORDERED, That the D. Q. M. Genl. or his Deputy be empowered to purchase a number of horses to be paid for in cattle

belonging to the sequestered estates, at such time and place as shall be agreed on, the horses not to exceed the value of ten likely cows & calves each, & that the persons who purchases shall make report of every such purchase to the Governor and Council.

Friday November 23rd 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan	Joseph Woodruff
Jenkin Davis	Abraham Ravot
William Gibbons	James Jones.

RESOLVED, That the Council approve of the orders given by His Honor the Governor for aiding S° Carolina in the present emergency.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday next.

Sunday morning Novr 25th 81.

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan	Abraham Ravot
Joseph Woodruff	William Gibbons

On application of Messrs Joel Philips & Edwd (recommended by Mr. Lindsay) for a supply of corn for their families

ORDERED, That they be furnished with half a bushel of corn p^r Mo. for each white in their families for two months; they to be accountable.

Adjourned till Tuesday morning.

Monday November 26th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan William Gibbons
James Jones.

WHEREAS, some doubts may arise respecting the place for holding the annual election in the County of Richmond.

RESOLVED, That it be recommended to the Magistrates and electors of the aforesaid County to meet at Brownsborough on the first tuesday in December next, there to elect their Representatives in General Assembly & civil officers for the ensuing year.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning.

27th November 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan	Joseph Woodruff
William Gibbons	Abraham Ravot
Humphry Wells	James Jones.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to pay Messrs Henderson & Anderson the sum of five half Johanneses each, for their services in going to the Indian Nation.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Lam[l] Lanier & Mr. Archibald Bealle have an order to draw rations & forage they to be accountable.

The Board adjourned till Friday next.

Friday November 30th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan	Joseph Woodruff
Humphry Wells	William Gibbons
James Jones	Abraham Ravot

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to raise such a number of Militia as he may judge necessary in order to intercept any party or parties of Indians that may be going to or from Savannah.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to order a scout from Col° Clark & Dunns Regiment to keep a lookout on this side the Oconee River to be relieved from time to time, until further orders from this Board.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to inform Col° Clark, by letter, that such distressed persons as make application, having a certificate from the commanding officer of the district, of the number and situation of his family, will be supplied with corn in such manner as will be most convenient; And that the same instructions be given Col° Dunn as far as will be necessary in distributing to the poor, and distressed of his regiment.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morning.

Tuesday morning 4th December 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan Jos. Woodruff.
Will. Gibbons.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be empowered immediately to order out all the militia of this State, in order to oppose the enemy who are now marching towards this port.

The Board adjourned till Monday next.

Monday December 10th 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jenkin Davis	James Jones
William Gibbons	Charles Odingsel
Abraham Ravot	Jonathan Bryan.
Joseph Woodruff	

WHEREAS, There are great abuses in the Q. Masters department, by officers foraging their crops at the different plantations, whereby great waste is made in issuing the same. therefore,

RESOLVED, That the D. Q. Master General do appoint an assistant, whose business it shall be to collect forage & provisions, and issue the same at a magazine to be established at or near Spirit-Creek.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor take such measures as will recompense the Indians, in some manner, (who came down with intelligence) for the horses they have lost, And that he direct Colº McMurphy to give them such presents as he may have it in his power to do.—

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor pay the Secretary five guineas in part of his salery.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morning.

Tuesday 11th December 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan	Abraham Ravot.
Joseph Woodruff	Charles Odingsel
William Gibbons	James Jones.
Jenkin Davis	

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to order a draft of one third of the Militia of this State; to be rendezvous'd at Spirit-Creek as soon as possible to be marched on foot.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to take measures for conveying the body of the late Myrick Davis Esq. President of the Executive Council, to this place; and that Mr. Lewis be requested to prepare a proper discourse for his interment. And this Board will attend the same.

ORDERED, That Colº Johnston have leave to draw two rations, he to be accountable. And that Colº McIntosh have leave to draw forage for two horses, to be accountable.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to take measures for releiving the family of the late Myrick Davis Esq. should they be in need.

The Board adjourned till Friday next.

Monday 17th December 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Charles Odingsel
Joseph Woodruff
Daniel Coleman
William Gibbons.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to order one half instead of one third of the Militia to be immediately drafted and ordered to rendezvous at Spirit-Creek.

Friday December 21st 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Joseph Woodruff.
Charles Odingsel
William Gibbons.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to order twenty bushels of for the relief of Benjn Hart he having a recommendation from Colo Clark.

The Board adjourned.

Monday December 24th

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Charles Odingsel William Gibbons

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be empowered to order the present draft of militia to be marched as mounted infantry.

The Board adjourned.

28th December 1781.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan Joseph Woodruff
William Gibbons Charles Odingsel

RESOLVED, That His Honor be requested & empowered to order two pack horses to be immediately furnished to send to General Greene for a small supply of ammunition and that His Honor write Genl Greene on the occasion.

Augusta Wednesday 2nd January 1782.

The Executive Council for the State of Georgia met.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	Thomas Lewis
Charles Odingsel	Jenkin Davis
Holman Freeman	Benjamin Andrews
Abraham Ravot	William Glascock
James Maxwell	Andrew Burns.
Jonathan Bryan.	

The Board proceeded to ballot for a President when, on cast-in up the pole, it appeared that Stephen Heard Esquire was duly elected.—

The Board adjourned.

Thursday January 3rd 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	Jonathan Bryan
Charles Odingsel	Thomas Lewis
William Glascock	Andrew Burns
Abraham Ravot	Jenkin Davis
Benjamin Andrew	James Maxwell.

The Board proceeded to the choice of a Clerk, when Mr. Abraham Jones was unanimously chosen.

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard Henderson, (the Indian Interpreter) has lately been plundered by the emissaries of our enemies, and his family being now in the greatest distress therefore,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Henderson be allowed to draw three rations untill something further can be done for him—

RESOLVED, That Mr. Andrews, Mr. Davis & Mr. Odingsel be a committee to draw up rules for the government of this Board, and report to-morrow.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow ten O'Clock.

Friday January 4th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	William Glascock
Andrew Burns	Benjamin Andrew
James Maxwell	Thomas Lewis.
Jonathan Bryan	

Mr. Andrews from the Committee to draw up rules for the government of this Board, reported the same, which was agreed to and is as follows.

First—That every Member sit uncovered when his honor the Governor or President takes the chair.

Second—That every Member attend at the hour to which the Board stands adjourned, on default to be fined in the sum of one dollar, unless a reasonable excuse being approved of by the Board.

Third—That when a Member rises to Speak he shall not be interrupted.

Fourth—That no Member shall absent himself from this Board without first obtaining leave, any one so absenting himself shall be fined one dollar.

Fifth—That no Member shall make use of any indecent language before the Board, any one so offending shall for every such offence forfeit two dollars.

Sixth—That when the Board is adjourned no Member shall quit his seat until His Honor the Governor or President leaves the chair.

Seventh—That any Member having any thing to communicate to the Board, shall do it standing & address himself to the chair.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow afternoon.—

Saturday January 5th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Benjamin Andrew	Jonathan Bryan
William Glascock	Andrew Burns
James Maxwell	Abraham Ravot
Thomas Lewis Senr	Charles Odingsel.

It appears to this Board, by the deposition of James Rusin that the Indians & Tories have been & are now doing mischeif in the upper part of this State. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That Lieut Col° Cunningham be immediately directed to proceed as speedily as possible with what men he has at Spirit-Creek, to Wilkes County, and that General Twiggs be made acquainted with the same; And likewise that Col° Cunningham be supplied with a small quantity of ammunition for the men under his command.

The Board adjourned till Monday 10 O'Clock.

Monday January 7th 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	Jonathan Bryan
Charles Odingsel	Benjamin Andrews
James Maxwell	Thomas Lewis
William Glascock	Andrew Burns
Abraham Ravot	Holman Freeman

ORDERED That His Honour the Governor be empowered and requested to supply Col° Jackson with what ammunition he can spare from this post.

Major Deveaux from the House of Assembly waited on the Board with an ordinance empowering His Honor the Governor to issue a proclamation ordering all officers &C. was read—recommend that the words "in General Assembly met" be inserted in the said ordinance.

ORDERED, That Mr. Odingsel & Mr. Burns be a Committee to wait on the House of Assembly with the ordinance and proposed amendment.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10. O'Clock.

Tuesday January 8th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	Jonathan Bryan
Benjamin Andrew	James Maxwell
Thomas Lewis	Holman Freeman
Charles Odingsel	Abraham Ravot
William Glascock	Andrew Burns.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to supply Capt Alexander with what ammunition he can spare; for the use of Wilkes County Militia.

RESOLVED, That this Board do approve of the conduct of His Honor the Governor respecting the orders given Lieut Colº Mc-Kay in an expedition to the Southward.—

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Wednesday January 9th 1782.

The Board met

President, Stephen Heard

Benjamin Andrew	Andrew Burns
William Glascock	Abraham Ravot
Thomas Lewis	Charles Odingsel
James Maxwell	

Two bills, by a Committee from the House of Assembly was

laid before the Board, viz, a Bill entitled "An act to repeal an act to draw a line &C. and a bill entitled an act to relieve distressed citizens of this State &C. was read and approved of.

ORDERED, That Mr. Ravot & Mr. Lewis be a Committee to wait on the House of Assembly with the said bills.

On the report of a Committee appointed to take into consideration the situation of the State, the House of Assembly came to the following order, which was transmitted by them to His Honor the Governor., Viz,

House of Assembly January 7th 1782.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be desired to dispose of the Carolina State Troops, now under the command of Major Moore, as may best tend the benefit and interest of this Country.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Thursday January 10th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	Holman Freeman
Jonathan Bryan	Charles Odingsel
William Glascock	Andrew Burns
Benjamin Andrew	James Maxwell
Thomas Lewis	Abraham Ravot.

The head warrior of the Talesus having come down to bring intelligence & in order to enquire the news and what damage had been lately done.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to prepare a talk to give him to-morrow.—

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested one ration daily to be issued to Mrs. Findley, she being an object of charity—

A memorandum of sundry articles being drawn up to be recommended to the Honbl. Assembly

RESOLVED, That Mr. Burnes and Mr. Freeman be a Committee to wait on the House of Assembly with the same.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Friday January 11th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	William Glascock
Jon. Bryan	Charles Odingsel
Andrew Burnes	James Maxwell
Benjamin Andrew	Hugh Lawson
Thomas Lewis	Abraham Ravot.
Holman Freeman	

The petition of Charles Waters, referred by the Honble. the House of Assembly, to this Board, was read.

ORDERED, That the consideration of the said petition be postponed until monday next—Mr. Heard in the Chair—

Major Deveaux, (a Committee, from the House of Assembly waited on the Board with a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act for burying in oblivion certain high crimes &C. the same was read and approved.

ORDERED, That Mr. Lewis & Mr. Lawson be a Committee to wait on the House of Assembly with the said bill.

Col° Jackson with the bill entitled an act for the confiscating the estates &C. waited on the Board, the same was read (an amendment recommended.

ORDERED, That Major Odingsel & Mr. Freeman be a committee to wait on the House of Assembly with the same.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 O'Clock.

Saturday January 12th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	James Maxwell
Benjamin Andrew	William Glascock
Abraham Ravot	Charles Odingsel
Andrew Burns	Thomas Lewis.

ORDERED, That Mr. Freeman & Mr. Odingsel be a committee to wait on the Honble Assembly with some recommendations from this Board.

ORDERED, That Col° Burns & Mr. Ravot be a committee to wait on the House of Assembly with a recommendation from this Board.

Adjourned till 4. o'clock

Met according to adjournment

Adjourned till monday morning.

Monday January 14th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	Jonathan Bryan
Joseph Woodruff	Charles Odingsel
William Glascock	Andrew Burnes
Abraham Ravot	Thomas Lewis

Mr. Gibbons, Speaker of the Honorable House of Assembly laid a letter before this Board, from him to the president of Congress, which was read.

Ordered, That His Honor the Governor be requested to supply Colº Dunn with twenty doz. cartridges for the use of the upper battalion of Richmond County.

Ordered, That His Honor the Governor be requested to order the D. Q. Master General to furnish Mr. Branham with three houses for secret service.

In compliance of an order of the Honoble. the House of Assembly, His Honor the Governor is hereby requested and empowered to affix the Great Seal of this State to a power authorizing James Miller to take into his possession sundry negroes &C. & applying them as therein directed—

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Tuesday January 15th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	Charles Odingsel
Joseph Woodruff	Abraham Ravot
William Glascock	Thomas Lewis.
Jonathan Bryan	

WHEREAS, many negroes and other property belonging to this State, have been clandestinely conveyed out of the same into the Northern States;

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be empowered to authorize Mr. Blassingame Harvey to make strict search and enquiry after the said negroes & other property so taken as aforesaid, and take the same into his possession, and make a return to the Governor & Council of this place, of the same.—

ORDERED, That Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Heard be a committee to examine into the state of Colº Jacksons Legion & report the same to this Board.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Wednesday January 16th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	Abraham Ravot
William Glascock	Thomas Lewis
Charles Odingsel	Stephen Heard.
Joseph Wooruff	

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to write to Colº McKay requesting his attendance with all the officers of his corps on Friday next at this place.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Gov. be authorized to employ a negro fellow named belonging to the estate of Andrew McLean, if it appears that the said negro has not been hired out before, by the Commissioners of sequestered estates.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to give Mr. Dollar an order for a negro wench hired by him from the Commissioners of sequestered estates, which negro is now in the possession of Mr. Joshua Inman.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Thursday January 17th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	Abraham Ravot
Joseph Woodruff	William Glascock
Thomas Lewis	Charles Odingsel.
Jonathan Bryan	

WHEREAS it appears necessary that an agent should be appointed for each County for the purpose of procuring an exact return of all property belonging to the sequestered estates, and make a report of the same to this Board as soon as possible, agreeable to an order of the House of Assembly therefore,

RESOLVED, That John Lindsay Esquire for the County of Wilkes, Archd Beale for Richmond, Lem1 Lanier for Burke, Caleb Howell for Effingham, James Bryan for Chatham, & John Baker for Liberty & they be & are hereby appointed agents for the purpose aforesaid.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to write circular letters to the above named agents, informing them of their appointment, & inclosing a copy of the foregoing resolution.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be authorized to appoint a person for the purpose of purchasing horses for the use of Colo Jacksons troop of horse to be kept up for the service of this State, agreeable to a resolution of Assembly.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10. oClock.—

Friday January 18th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	Jonathan Bryan
Charles Odingsel	William Glascock
Joseph Woodruff	Abraham Ravot
Thomas Lewis	Andrew Burns

On debate whether or not that negroes belonging to the sequestered estates should be given for horses for the mounting Colº Jacksons Troop, and other exigences of this State, finding the certificates inadequate to the purpose, the yeas and nays were taken.

Yeas

Jonathan Bryan	Jos Woodruff
Stephen Heard	Abraham Ravot
Thomas Lewis	Andrew Burns

Nays.

Charles Odingsel	William Glascock.

Ordered, That Colº Heard and Colº Woodruff be a committee to agree for, and purchase a number of horses for the use of this State, for which they are to give negroes having each valued by indifferent persons before a barter takes place.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Assembly be requested to furnish the commanding officer of each regiment with a copy of the militia law, if demanded.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Saturday January 19th 1782.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to order a draft of one half of the militia of Burke, Effingham & Richmond Counties; and one third of the militia of Wilkes, to serve for two months, to be marched on foot and rendezvous at Spirit Creek, except those of Burke & Effingham, who will meet in the said Counties, as soon as possible.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to furnish Colº Jackson with twelve doz. cartridges for the use of his regiment.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Sunday January 20th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Stephen Heard	Jonathan Bryan
Joseph Woodruff	Andrew Burns
Charles Odingsel	Abraham Ravot

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Monday January 21st 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan	Joseph Woodruff
Abraham Ravot	Thomas Lewis
Charles Odingsel	Andrew Burnes

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be empowered to employ a person to act as register of certificates & private Secretary and that this Board will recommend that a Salery be paid him for the same.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be authorized to hire to Mr. Chesley Bostick, a pair of mill stones he to be accountable for them & deliver the same up the first day of Nov. next, they being confiscated property.

ORDERED, That Colo. Burns be added to the committee for the purchasing horses for the use of this State.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to furnish the Members of this Board with half a doz. cartridges each, for their personal security.

Major Odingsel protests against the order of Friday last respecting the purchasing horses to be paid for in negroes.

First—Because the Legislature had pointed out a way the negroes should be disposed of.

Secondly—Because the Legislature have passed an act, wherein they stipulated a sum to be issued in certificates by His Honor the Governor, for the purpose of providing such articles as should be necessary in the several departments.

Thirdly—That this Board cannot, without the consent of the Legislature make a lawful bill of sale for any negroes.

Fourthly—That he looks upon it to be stabbing the credit of the certificates, as it will be a plea for those who has provisions to sell (which this State must purchase from Carolina) to be paid in negroes.

Adjourned till to-morrow nine o'Clock.

Tuesday January 22nd 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Abraham Ravot	Andrew Burns
Thomas Lewis	Charles Odingsel
Joseph Woodruff	

WHEREAS, There are vacancies in the upper battalion of Richmond County, of Field Officers, therefore,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to require Colº Jackson to convene the officers of the said battalion on Friday next, in order to elect a Colº & Major for the same.

I, A. B. appointed Auditor for this State, do solemnly and sincerely swear in the presence of Almighty God, that I will, during my continuance therein, well, truly, faithfully & honestly, to the best of my abilities, execute the office of Auditor, without favor, affection, partiality or hope of reward— So help me God—

The above oath taken by Mr. John Wilkinson.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to order a sergeant and four men from Col° Jacksons Dragoons to collect all such negroes as they may receive intelligence of, belonging to the confiscated estates, and make a return to this Board.

WHEREAS, agreeable to an act of Assembly, agents have been appointed for each County, to collect all property, belonging to the confiscated estates, and as no person will undertake the same unless an adequate salery is allowed therefore,

RESOLVED, That this Board will recommend to the House of Assembly, at the next meeting thereof, that such persons so appointed, be allowed the sum of fifty pounds each, for their trouble, or in proportion to the services done.

Adjourned till Friday 10 o'Clock.

Friday January 25th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	Thomas Lewis.
Joseph Woodruff	Charles Odingsel
Abraham Ravot	Andrew Burns

WHEREAS, the House of Assembly has granted certain sums to the widows & children of those brave citizens of this State who have fell in the cause of America, therefore

ORDERED, That Milly Horn, Neomia Ledbetter, Sarah Glover and Ann Bayles, be allowed to draw thirty seven bushels of corn from the Commissary, in such proportion as their neces-

sities require the same to be deducted out of the sums granted them by the House of Assembly. Viz,

Milly Horn, 4 Children, 10 bushels Neomia Ledbetter, 5 Chil^{n} 11 D^{o} Sarah Glover, 2 Children 5. do. Ann Bayles 5 Children 11. do.	37 Bushels.

WHEREAS, by information of General Twiggs, it appears he has a small quantity of indigo, which was put into his hands as a Commissioner.

ORDERED, That General Twiggs be permitted to apply the same to his use for moving his family from the Northward, he to be accountable for the same.

WHEREAS, by a certificate from Capt Skinner, it appears that Mr. Uriah Motte, has a wife & five small children, and not being capable of supporting them, therefore,

ORDERED, That he have an order on the Commissary for eleven bushels of corn, he to be accountable for the same should he be included in the act for relief of distressed persons.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Monday January 28th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Joseph Woodruff	Jonathan Bryan
Charles Odingsel	Abraham Ravot
Andrew Burns.	

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday January 29th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan	Charles Odingsel
Andrew Burns	Abraham Ravot

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor, order the Commissary General, without loss of time, to have six hundred bushels of corn ground up into meal, in such manner as he may think most for the advantage of this State, and that the D. Q. M. Genl be ordered to supply boats &C. to transport the same.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to issue orders to Mr. Andrew Shields, to take into his possession any negroes belonging to the confiscated estates, and have not been hired out.

WHEREAS, it appears that the frontiers of this State, from information, is equally in danger of being distressed by the Indians &C. and as there is an expedition now forming in N° and South Carolina against the Indians, therefore,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to countermand the orders respecting a draft of Militia for the County of Wilkes—

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Wednesday January 30th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Charles Odingsel
Abraham Ravot
Joseph Woodruff
Andrew Burns

Mr. Woodruff, from the Committee appointed to agree for, and purchase a number of horses, for the mounting Colo Jacksons corps & other exigencies of this State,

Reported, That they had purchased sixty horses which were valued in the manner following.

Bot of Capt Lock & Cole	21 horses a £26. 10 s.	£556.	10
" of William Stephenson	4 do. a 22. 10 s.	90.	0
" " " "	1 do.	17.	10
" of Daniel Cany	16 do. a £30	480.	0
" of Major White	12 do. 30	360	0
" of Capts. Lock & Cole	6 do.		
	60.		

Whereas, information has been made to this Board that there was a number of negroes, the property of David Baldwin late of this State, in possession of Mr. Robert Middleton—therefore,

Ordered, That Middleton be called on to render account to this Board in what manner he came by the said negroes which being done, it appears by a bill of sale of the same, that Mr. Middleton had purchased the said negroes and paid a sum of money in part; it is therefore, further

ORDERED, That the said Middleton do give his obligation to His Honor the Governor, for the balance due by him for the same.

Information being made, that a negro wench and two children, the property of..... Nichols, late of this State are in possession of Mr. William Few Senr the same being investigated, it is therefore,

ORDERED, That Mr. Few be ordered to deliver the same to His Honor the Governor or any person who may be appointed by him to receive them, they being the property of this State.

Adjourned till Friday 10 O'Clock

Friday February 1st 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Abraham Ravot
Andrew Burns.
Joseph Woodruff
Charles Odingsel

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board that the late House of Assembly had not in idea, the militia law referred to in the resolution respecting the auditing the militia accounts of this State; they are further of opinion that the said law has not any retrospect to any thing except as a state charge, which could not be intended to include the accounts to be laid before Congress, therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Auditor be directed to audit all militia

accounts agreeable to the regulations of Congress, until August last, and after that, agreeable to the act made at that time—

WHEREAS, the late House of Assembly have ordered that the sum of thirty pounds specie, should be paid yearly to Mr. John Lindsay, and that his Doctors bill should likewise be paid and as no money is now in the Treasury to discharge such sums therefore,

RESOLVED. That Mr. John Lindsay have an order from His Honor the Governor, to receive a horse of the value of,
from the D. Q. M. General in part of the salery voted as aforesaid:

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to order the Commissary to issue bushels of corn for the relief of sundry families in the manner following— George Moore, a blind man & family; five bushels of corn— The widow Lott & six children, 12 bushels— James Simpson & family 12 bushels, they being objects of charity, and no other provision being made which can at present be put in practice.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday next 10 o'Clock.

Tuesday February 5th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Charles Odingsel	William Glascock
Abraham Ravot	Hugh Lawson

The petition of William Jones was laid before the Board and read

ORDERED, That it lie over for consideration—

ORDERED, That Col° Jackson be supplied with three horses, specified in his application, from the Quarter Masters Department. His Honor the Governor being hereby requested to give orders for the same.

The petition of Thomas Cooper was read,

ORDERED to lay over until Savannah shall be taken.

The petition of sundries inhabitants of the Kiokees was laid before the Board and read

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to order the Commissary to furnish Mr. James Mercer with fifteen bushels corn, and that Thomas Mercer his son be exempt from militia duty in order to attend the family of his father, they being in the greatest distress.

The Petition of Mrs. Isabella Chapman was read.

ORDERED, That Mrs. Chapman have an order for one ration daily until further orders.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be authorized to appoint Mr. David Harris Capt. of a patrol of eight men to do duty between the Ogechee & the Kiokees; and that he be authorized to take such men as he may think most suitable provided they are not in the present draft.

WHEREAS, the certificates ordered to be issued by His Honor the Governor for the purpose of purchasing corn &C., for the use of this State, are found inadequate to the intended purpose; therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Commissary & Q. Master Generals be empowered to impress corn from the different plantations having such a quantity as will be thought necessary for the support

of their families & work horses; and if the persons from whom it shall be taken, will not take the said certificates, that they shall give a certificate for the quantity to be settled hereafter.

The Board adjourned till Friday 10 o'Clock.

Friday February 8th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Stephen Heard	Joseph Woodruff
Abraham Ravot	Jonathan Bryan
Charles Odingsel	Hugh Lawson
Thomas Lewis	William Glascock.

The petition of Elizabeth Laws was laid before the Board and read. Ordered to lie over for consideration.

Resolved, That His Honor the Governor be requested to give orders to the Commissary to furnish the families of Charles Folkson and Mrs. Mary Standley, with fifteen bushels corn for the relief of their families, they having a certificate of being distressed for provisions—

Resolved, That His Honor the Governor be requested to give orders to the Commissary General, for to furnish Captain Hill with thirty bushels corn, for the use of the inhabitants on the Frontiers of Richmond County.

Whereas, it appears by information to this Board, that a number of cattle and hogs belonging to the confiscated estates, have been taken up and branded by persons having no pretensions thereto.

ORDERED, That Mr. William Jones be wrote to, to appear before this Board, on Tuesday next, to give such information concerning the same, as may be in his power: And that he be required to bring such evidence as will be necessary to support the said charge.

ORDERED That His Honor the Governor, be requested to write to the Governor of South Carolina, requesting him to order all persons, officers & others, to aid and assist such persons as may be sent from this State to collect the property belonging to the same.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday 10 o'Clock.

Tuesday February 12th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	Joseph Woodruff
Charles Odingsel	Abraham Ravot
William Glascock	Hugh Lawson

WHEREAS, information has been made to this Board, that a number of persons living in and about this place are daily drawing provisions from the public. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Glascock and Mr. Edmund Bugg be a committee to enquire into the situations of such families, and order the rations of such, to be stopped, as are not entitled to them by their employment or being real objects of charity; And report their proceedings to this Board.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor, be empowered to

issue orders to the Commissary General, to supply Mrs. Osborn with ten bushels corn, she coming under the act for the releif of distressed persons. And that Mr. Edward Cartledge be permitted to draw two rations as a Doctor for the Militia of this State. Likewise order five bushels of corn to be issued to Mrs. Susannah Haile, she coming under the act for the relief of distressed persons.—

ORDERED, That Major Woodruff, Major Odingsel and Major Ravot be a Committee to wait on General Wayne, with His Honor the Governor; and that they be empowered to transact any business which may be necessary, and report the same to this Board on their return to this post.

Adjourned till Tuesday 5th March.

Tuesday March 5th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	Hugh Lawson
Thomas Lewis	Andrew Burns.
Joseph Woodruff	

Major Woodruff, from the Committee to wait on Genl Wayne with His Honor the Governor, report,

19th Feby 1782. The committee met

Present

Honor the Governor,

Joseph Woodruff	Charles Odingsel
Jon Bryan	Jenkin Davis.

ORDERED, That Mr. Woodruff & Mr. Odingsel be a Committee to wait on General Wayne, to receive his propositions for and admitting the absent citizens & other inhabitants of this State now within the British lines.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

The committee met according to adjournment

A letter from the Honble Brigr Genl Wayne, recommending proclamations to be issued for opening a door for the absent citizens of this State, & for encouraging desertion from the enemy was read.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested and empowered to issue the above proclamations, viz, one, for opening a door for reception of citizens, and another to encourage desertion from the enemy.

RESOLVED, That this Board do approve of the report of the said Committee.

WHEREAS, business of importance render it necessary that the General Assembly of this State, should convene, at an earlier period than that to which it stands adjourned, Therefore

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to issue a proclamation thereby summoning the General Assembly of this State, to meet at Augusta on Tuesday the 16th day of April next.

WHEREAS information has been made to this Board, that a number of evil disposed persons are defacing the marks & brands

of cattle, and otherways embezzling property belonging to the confiscated estates. Therefore,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to empower the Agents in the different Counties to employ a certain number of persons to assist them in collecting cattle & other confiscated property into such hands as will be most for the advantage of this State; and that they receive the sum of half a dollar a head for cattle so collected, to be paid out of the same when disposed of.—

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to order thirty bushels of corn to be delivered Mr. Cartey agreeable to an order of the late House of Assembly. And that four rations p^r day be allowed Mrs. Lord, (Mr. Lord to be accountable.) two rations daily to Mrs. Mary Triplett a widow, until further orders; four rations to Mrs. Clark & six children, she being an object of charity.

His Honor the Governor having rec^d a letter from the Governor of N° Carolina, informing him of a number of negroes, said to be the property of one Dill of this State, being stop'd in the hands of the Comm^s for the County of Rowan of that State.

ORDERED, That Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Burns be a Committee to superintend the building the public Jail in this Town. And that they be empowered to call on the Quarter Master for such carriages or other Materials as they may want, in order to carry the same into execution.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to write to the Governor of N° Carolina, desiring him to have the negroes, which he mentions to be lodged in the hands of the Commr^s of Rowan County of this State, disposed of in the most convenient and advantageous manner for the benefit of this State, transmitting an account sales of the same as soon as possible, the same appearing to confiscated property.

Adjourned till tomorrow 10 o'Clock.

LIBRARY UNIVERSITY

Tuesday March 12th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	Thomas Lewis
William Glascock	Hugh Lawson.
Joseph Woodruff	

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor give orders for Mrs. Mary Stanly, & Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson to be supplied with twelve bushels corn each, in part of their annuities voted by the late House of Assembly.

WHEREAS, the general scarcity of corn in this State render it necessary, for the same being procured from S° Carolina.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to order the Commissary General to make enquiry upon what terms corn can be procured from S° Carolina, And that he report the same to this Board as soon as possible. And that His Honor the Governor be requested to write to the Governor of S° Carolina representing the distressed situation of this State, for grain; and requiring his assistance in procuring such a quantity as will answer the present emergency.

Adjourned till Friday 10 o'Clock.

Friday 15th March 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	Thomas Lewis
William Glascock,	Hugh Lawson
Joseph Woodruff	

The petition of William & Archibald Little was laid before the Board and read.

ORDERED, That the prayer of the said petitions be granted.

WHEREAS, the greater part of the public accounts being not yet audited, the question being put whether His Honor the Governor should proceed to issue standing certificates on those accounts, already audited, the yeas and nays were taken as follows.

Yea. Joseph Woodruff.

Nays. Stephen Heard, William Glascock & Thomas Lewis.

ORDERED, That the Council do approve of the orders given by Colº Heard in favor of the following widows viz, Mrs. Abigail Carter of Wilkes County, for twelve bushels corn, Mrs. Lett of Burke County for ten bushels; Mrs. Thompson of Wilkes County for 6 1/2 bushels; Mrs. Wells of Richmond County for 6 bushels Mrs. Triplett of Burke County for two daily rations, they being widows and entitled to the benefit of the act for the releif of distressed persons.

WHEREAS, many of the plantations belonging to the confiscated estates have not been rented by the former commissioners which occasion many disputes by those in possession thereof, therefore,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to impower the Magistrates, to rent out all such plantations as have not heretofore been let; And that they likewise settle all disputes that may arise between contending parties respecting the same, they are likewise desired to make returns to this board of all such transactions.

ORDERED, That Mr. David Harris be appointed agent for the County of Richmond in place of Mr. Archibald Beall who has declined serving.

Adjourned till Monday next 10 o'Clock.

Tuesday 19th March 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	Joseph Woodruff
Thomas Lewis	Andrew Burns.

Mr. John Appling appointed Register of Probates for the County of Richmond, appeared and was duly qualified.

Adjourned till Friday next 10 o'Clock.

Tuesday April 2nd 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Stephen Heard	Andrew Burns
William Glascock	Hugh Lawson.
Joseph Woodruff	

WHEREAS, there are many articles for sale, now in possession of Mr. Ignatius Few, that are absolutely necessary for the use of this State, which he proposes to dispose of for negroes, which shall be valued, & received in payment therefore

RESOLVED, that His Honor the Governor be requested to empower the Comy General to purchase the said articles for the use of this State, and retain the same in his hands untill the meeting of the House of Assembly for their approbation. And that in the mean time Mr. Few be empowered to receive public negroes. in part of the same.

ORDERED, That the distribution of the rice procured from So Carolina for the relief of the suffering inhabitants of this State, be lodged in the hands of the Councillors for the different Counties and they are hereby empowered to call on the Commanding officer and Commissaries in each County to furnish such carriages and guards as will be necessary to convey the same to this State.

The Board adjourned till Friday next.

Thursday April 4th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

WHEREAS, by the requisitions of Brig. General Wayne it appears essentially necessary, for the safety and preservation of this State, that he be supplied with 200 good rifle men, to enrol themselves for the term of two months, to assist him in his future operations, Therefore,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor do immediately fall upon such ways and means, for completing the same as the situation and circumstances of this State, will admit of, And that they be raised in the following proportion viz, The County of Wilkes, 50 Men, The Counties of Richmond and Burke 75 each. Each man so enroled shall be entitled to one good Milk Cow, & calf, as a bounty, exclusive of their pay; and upon a return being made to this Board, of the names of the men so enroled; his Honor the Governor is hereby authorized and empowered to order the Agents of the respective Counties to which such men belong; to deliver such Cow & Calf to them or their order as soon as they may be collected; And that proper care shall be taken during their absence to supply their families with necessary provisions.

The Board adjourned till Thursday next.

Thursday April 11th 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Charles Odingsel
Andrew Burns
Joseph Woodruff.

Monday April 29th 1782.

The Board met

Present

The President

William Glascock
Thomas Lewis
Andrew Burns
Hugh Lawson
Chas Odingsel

A petition from Mr. Locke was read requesting to be paid for horses sold the public.

Resolved, That His Honor the Governor be requested to write to Colo Jackson at Ebenezer to furnish Capt. Locke if possible, with a sufficient number of Negroes to discharge what the public is due him for horses; said negroes to be valued by men appointed by Colo Jackson and Captt Locke—

A letter from Ignatius Few, requesting to be paid for articles sold the public

Resolved, That a letter be wrote to Simon Beckum to value

some negroes, Mr. Few has in possession, and that the valuation be discounted from what the public is due Mr. Few, and a return be made to this Board of the same.

A Letter from General Wayne to his honor the Governor, was read. Wherein he mentions a number of the Militia had deserted.

ORDERED, That Col° Clark be immediately furnished with a list of the deserters from each County, And he be requested to give orders to each commanding officer of the County to have them immediately apprehended and sent down to General Wayne, there to be dealt with according to the law of this State.

An order from the honorable the House of Assembly to His Honor the Governor, was read: respecting what measures have been taken to bring the several persons, who have received public Monies from this State, to account for them; And also that he will order to be laid before this house, an account of the sales, expenditures (if any) as well as Monies received or due from the sales of the sequestered estates, and of every other matter relating to them, or the monies arising from them: And also an account of what sequestered property is belonging to this State, in whose possession it is, and on what condition they hold the same; and also of every other matter wherein the funds or property of this State is concerned. And likewise, that he will direct to be laid before us, the monthly returns of the Quarter Master & Commissaries for provisions & stores, purchased & issued by them.

ORDERED, That a Committee from this Board wait on the honorable House of Assembly, with bonds & notes of the sales of the sequestered estates, and the Committee inform the House, that the Auditor of accounts, had advertized respecting the bringing of all persons to an account for what public Monies have been received, but that no attention was paid to the same,—That Major Odingsels & Mr Lawson be that Committee.

Col° Emanuel representing the situation of the inhabitants of Burke County for ammunition.

ORDERED, That the President do draw on the Commissary of Military Stores, for ten weight of gun powder, and twenty weight of lead, for Col° Emanuel, for that County.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Augusta 30th April 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present

The President

William Glascock	Hugh Lawson
Thomas Lewis	Charles Odingsel.
Andrew Burns	

Agreeable to a resolve of the House of Assembly respecting the articles purchased, by His Honor the Governor from Capt Ignatius Few, a certain quantity thereof was left for the use of the Governor & Council. The same being inspected by a Committee from this Board,

Report, that there is 75 lb Sugar, 9 bushels salt, & 23 Galls. Rum.

This Board taking the above into consideration, resolve that the distribution be as follows.

To the President 2 Galls. rum; to each Member one Gall^n, the remainder for the Governor, to be disposed of as he may think proper—To the President 10lb Sugar, to each Member 5lb the remainder to be disposed of as the Governor may think

proper—The salt, to the President 2 qts; to each member one, the remainder to be disposed of as the Governor may think proper—To the Messenger of this Board 5^{lb} Sugar, one qt. Salt, 1/2 Gal. Rum.

A Committee from the House of Assembly waited on this Board, with a bill of confiscation for their perusal & advice: the Committee was, Mr. Howley & Mr. Washington—

The Board adjourned till this afternoon 4. oClock.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present

The President

William Glascock
Thomas Lewis
Andrew Burns
Hugh Lawson
Charles Odingsel.

Wednesday 1st May 1782.

The Board met

Present

The President

William Glascock
Hugh Lawson
Andrew Burns
Thomas Lewis
Charles Odingsel.

The Board proceeded to peruse the bill of confiscation and appointed a Committee to return the same to the House with

some recommendations—And that Col° Burns and Mr. Odingsel be that Committee.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morn^g 9 o'Clock.

Thursday 2nd May 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present

The President

William Glascock	Hugh Lawson
Thomas Lewis	Charles Odingsel.
Andrew Burns	

Mr. Samuel Stirk, agreeable to an order of the House of Assembly, appeared before this Board with vouchers for the expenditures of 377,603 1/2 Continental dollars being for monies paid to Col° John Stirk deceased, as Treasurer for this State,—The President gave Mr. Saml Stirk a receipt for the same as Exor. of Col° John Stirk.

The Board taking the above vouchers into consideration

Resolved, That they be put into the hands of the Auditor General, to be liquidated, in order to bring individuals to account for monies advanced them, which they promised to account for, when called on.—

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morn^g 10 O'Clock.

Friday 3rd May 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present

The President

William Glascock	Thomas Lewis
Hugh Lawson	Chas Odingsel.

Mr. Patrick Jarvis A. C. P. informs this Board that for want of horses, he cannot supply this post with beef, and there being public horses in and about Augusta in the Quarter Masters Department.

Ordered, That the President be requested to give orders, that the Quarter Master furnish Mr. Jarvis with two horses for that purpose.

Mr. Jarvis likewise informs this Board, that for want of a guard he cannot furnish this port with corn, as he knows where 150. bushels can be spared, therefore,

Resolved, That the President, (His Honor the Governor being indisposed) be requested to issue orders to Colo Clark, to furnish Mr. Jarvis immediately with a guard of six men from the County of Richmond, to enable him to get the said corn.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Friday 10th May 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

William Glascock	Andrew Burns
Peter Deveaux	Lemuel Lanier
Holman Freeman	

This Board taking into consideration the necessity of immediately sending into Carolina for the rice granted by that State, for the releif of the suffering poor, find that no persons can be got to bring the same, on the terms agreed upon by the House of Assembly, without very great difficulties & expence to the State, Therefore,

Resolved, That one third part be allowed to any person or persons, that will bring the said Rice from Pocotaligo, to this port; as a reward for their trouble and expence.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morng 9 O'Clock.

Saturday 11th May 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

William Glascock	Peter Deveaux
Lemuel Lanier.	Andrew Burns
Holman Freeman	

A petition from John Walton, requesting leave to discharge

Col° M^c^Murphy's note, given for Deer skins, to this State, if certificates would be rec^d^ in payment, was read,

ORDERED, That the same be laid over to a future day.

A memorial and affidavit from Col° Johnston was read, giving information that David Harris had taken a certain negroe fellow, named Peter from William Hatcher; who had hired him from Johnston; which negroe appears to this Board to belong to Shem Butler, and it is but just & right that Col° Johnston should have the labour of him, for his trouble in taking and bringing him to a place of safety. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That Capt. Harris deliver the said negroe to Col° Johnston, and that his Honor do give the said Johnston an order for him, on his giving sufficient security for not making way with the said negroe.

This Board having been some time without a Clerk, and finding that no one can be procured to act for the salary at present allowed by law.

RESOLVED, That this Board will recommend it to the Assembly at their next meeting to augment the salery of Clerk of the Council, the same, at present, being entirely inadequate to the service.

The Board then proceeded to the choice of a Clerk, when Seaborn Jones was elected.

The Board adjourned till 10 o'Clock Monday next.

Monday 13th May 1782.

The Board met accordingly

Present

His Honor the Governor

Lemuel Lanier	Holman Freeman
Peter Deveaux	Andrew Burns.

A letter from Mrs. Tabitha Stallings, setting forth that Ignatius Few, has threatened to take a negroe man named Jack, out of her possession, which her husband had bought of the Widow Lloyd, was read; And the Board considering that this negroe is not secreted public property; and does not come within the order given Mr. Few, Therefore,

ORDERED, That Capt Stallings be allowed to keep the said negroe man Jack till further orders from this Board.

A Letter from Capt Cuthbert was read, setting forth his having lost a horse, which he had been obliged to impress while on public business to Savannah with a flag. The Board considering the circumstances of his case, and the necessity for his conduct,

RESOLVED, That Capt. Cuthbert be furnished with an order, by His Honor the Governor, on the Quarter Master General, for a horse of nearly an equal value of that which was lost, to enable him to make restitution to the owner. This Board to be furnished with the brands and description of the horse lost, that he may hereafter be claimed as public property.

The Board adjourned till Wednesday next, 9 o'Clock.

Wednesday 15th May 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor

William Glascock,	Peter Deveaux
Holman Freeman	Lemuel Lanier

The public salt reserved for the distressed inhabitants of Richmond County, not being called for by the person appointed by the House of Assembly, and people being greatly distressed for the same,

ORDERED, That the same be left to the distribution of Mr. Glascock and Mr. Burns.

The Board then adjourned till Friday morng 10 o'Clock,—

Friday 17th May 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

William Glascock,	Lemuel Lanier
Peter Deveaux	Andrew Burns
Holman Freeman	

A petition from the Officers of the Regiment of militia of Richmond County was read, praying the removal of Lt Colo Littleburg Bostwick, from his command.

ORDERED, That Lt Col^o Bostwick be required to attend this Board at their next meeting, to answer to the complaints set forth in the said petition, and that His Honor the Governor do send him orders to that purport.

Mr. Abraham Jones, producing a certificate from Genl Wayne, of his having supplied the army with three hundred and sixty seven Galls. and three quarts of whisky, at a time when the army was suffering greatly for liquor.

ORDERED, That he be furnished with an order from this Board on the Commissioners of confiscated estates, to pay him for the whiskey, the sum of three hundred and twenty one pounds, fifteen shillings and six pence in negroes at cash price.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday 10 o'Clock.

Tuesday 21st May 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

William Glascock,	Holman Freeman
Peter Deveaux	Lemuel Lanier

On application of Capt. Patrick Carr, respecting the new forming of his corps, to consist of Dragoons & Riflemen.

RESOLVED, That the Council approve the same, that they may be raised for three months, to commence, from the time of their going on duty, and to be known by the name of Carrs Independent Corps, to consist of two Companies of thirty men each; one,

of Dragoons and the other Riflemen, commanded by one Captain Commandant; two Captains and two Lieutenants; And that Commissions be issued accordingly by his honor the Governor for that purpose.

A letter from the Honorable Brigadier General Wayne was read, when he strenuously requested a supply of liquors for the use of his army serving in this State, therefore

RESOLVED, That a Committee be appointed for the purpose of purchasing the same. And that Mr. Glascock and Mr. Lanier be that committee.

The Board adjourned till Friday morn^{g} 9 o'Clock.

Friday May 23rd 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment

Present, His Honor the Governor

William Glascock,	Peter Deveaux
Lemuel Lanier	Holman Freeman

From the present scarcity of provisions and the improbability of a future supply, and the distressed situation of the Indians. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That they be put out in such families as may choose to take them in order to provide for their present support.

The Board taking into consideration the present mode for issuing the certificates agreeable to the resolve of the late House of Assembly, Therefore

RESOLVED, That the same be printed, and that five thousand,

seven hundred and sixty certificates be immediately struck off, and that Capt. Robt Green be authorized and appointed from the Board to proceed to Carolina in order to superintend the printing of the same.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday 27th May 1782 9 o'Clock.

Additional minutes of Council of Friday May 23.

Mr. Lockhart, the Assistant Commissary appeared before the Council and represented that several widows and others, with their children were destitute of provisions and no mode of supply. Therefore,

Resolved, That the under mentioned persons be supplied by the Commissary, with the following rations. viz,

Widow Triplett & 2 Children.....Two rations.
Widow Lett & 5 Children.....Three rations.
Widow Davis & 1 Child .....Two rations.
Mr. Henderson & 2 Children.....Two rations.

Tuesday 27th May 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

William Glascock, Peter Deveaux
Benjamin Lewis Lemuel Lanier

Lieutenant Colo Bostwick attended agreeable to an order of this Board, in order to answer to the several Complaints, set

forth in a petition, preferred against him by the officers of the 1st Battalion of Militia of Richmond County, The officers attending in support of the same, and this Board taking the same into consideration, and finding that the present alarming situation of this State has an immediate occasion for the exertion of every citizen, and finding that the said officers are determined not to do duty, nor obey the orders of the said Lt Colo Bostwick —This Board considering that the safety, peace, and welfare of the Citizens ought ever to be their first object. Therefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to His Honor the Governor to suspend the said Lt Colo Bostwick from any further command until a Court of enquiry can be convened in order to investigate the several complaints alledged against him in the said petition.

The Board adjourned until

Savannah In Council 14th July 1782.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Andrew Burns.	Peter Deveaux	Esquires
William Glascock,	Jenkin Davis	
Jonathan Bryan		

Resolved, That Messrs Clay, Wereat & John Habersham Esquires be appointed a Committee to procure a supply of goods &c. for the use of the public and army.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow.

Savannah 15th July 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	Peter Deveaux	Esqrs
William Glascock	Jenkin Davis	
Andrew Burns.		

WHEREAS, there is a great reason to believe that numbers of negroes and other property, belonging to the good people of this and the United States are now secreted in and about the Town and Garrison of Savannah to their great injury & prejudice,

It therefore becomes a duty indispensable on us to take every means in our power to detect such abominable proceedings and prevent those abuses, if possible, in future. Therefore,

RESOLVED, Messrs Joseph Clay, James Habersham, John Habersham, John Houston, William Le Conte, John Wereat, William O'Bryan, John Kean, Peter Deveaux, Thomas Stone, Peter Taarling, and Joseph Woodruff Esquires do take into their immediate possession and custody all suspected property of whatever kind soever, and give public notice of the same, by advertisement, in order that the inhabitants may apply for, and after proof being made, obtain such property as they are or may be justly entitled to.

Savannah July 18th 1782.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	William Glascock	Esquires
Andrew Burns	Jenkin Davis	
Peter Deveaux	Benjamin Lewis	

The petition of Richard Dunavan Murray, being preferr'd, requesting permission to take possession of the Vendue House, in order to keep a House of Entertainment: and also for license for the disposal of spirituous liquors.

The petition being considered, was granted.

The petition of James Fields for the office of Sheriff for the County of Chatham— his petition was, after deliberation, granted.

Mr. Daniel Nunes pray'd for the office of Clerk of the Market. granted.

Savannah 19th July 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	Jenkin Davis	Esquires
William Glascock	Benjamin Lewis	
Andrew Burns	Lemuel Lanier	

By virtue of a resolve of the honorable the House of Assembly, passed this day, prohibiting the exportation of any kind of goods, salt or other merchandise out of the Town of Savannah, until leave is first had or obtained from said House And also for pre-

venting monopolies & other unfair practices in respect to the said goods, or other Merchandise: And also for laying in a quantity of salt directed to be reserved for the public use, agreeable to a resolve of the House passed the 16th Instant, Therefore,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor do immediately issue his proclamation prohibiting the exportation of the aforesaid articles; and that orders be immediately issued to the Gentlemen of the Committee to take proper measures for procuring and reserving the quantity of salt, agreeable to the said resolves.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow.

Savannah the 20th July 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	William Glascock	Esqrs
Andrew Burns	Jenkin Davis	
Peter Deveaux	Benjn Lewis	

The Board taking into consideration the application of Mr. Richard Henderson, for the supply of necessary dry goods for himself and family, also two negroes, a fellow & wench belonging to the confiscated estates in order to attend and assist his family during his absence to the Indian Nation, being taken into consideration, therefore,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to give orders for the same.

The Board adjourned to Monday morng 10 o'Clock.

Savannah Monday 22nd 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	William Glascock	Esqr
Andrew Burns	Thomas Maxwell	
Jenkin Davis	Peter Deveaux	

The application of the widow Elizabeth Wright being taken into consideration,

ORDERED, That the said widow Wright be supplied with three rations pr. day for one fortnight for the support of her family she being accountable for the same.

ORDERED, That the Sheriff of Chatham County be directed to take into his possession the press & types in the Printing Office, late James Johnstons, and keep them in charge till further orders.

The Board adjourned till 9 o'Clock to-morrow

Savannah 23rd July 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	William Glascock	Esquires
Thomas Maxwell	Jenkin Davis	
Andrew Burns	Peter Deveaux	

ORDERED, That notice be given the Gentlemen of the Commit-

tee, to know whether they have procured the quantity of goods, salt &c ordered by the House of Assembly to be engaged for the use of this State.

The Board adjourned to 9 O'Clock to-morrow.

Savannah 24. July 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Thomas Maxwell	Peter Deveaux	Esquires
Jenkin Davis	William Glascock	

ORDERED, That Mr. John Barkly be furnished with an order for twenty five pounds worth of goods, agreeable to a resolve of the House of Assembly.

WHEREAS, by report of the Committee appointed to procure goods &C. for the public, it appears impracticable for them to find out the quantity of salt, in this Town, agreeable to a resolve of the House of Assembly; request the same might be referred to the Governor & Council. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Attorney General be directed to call on the several Merchants and others to declare upon oath the quantity of Salt and rum they have in possession also the time when, where & from whom purchased.

WHEREAS, by a resolve of the House of Assembly of this day, the sales of the confiscated estates are postponed for one month.

RESOLVED, That the Commissioners be directed to notify the same to the inhabitants of the respective Counties.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow.

Savannah 25th July 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor

William Glascock Thomas Maxwell } Esquires
Jenkin Davis

The petition of William Christee being preferred,

RESOLVED, That he the said Christee have an order to take his property where ever it may be found, proving the same.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor, be requested to take immediate measures for procuring three thousand bushels of salt and six hogsheads of rum for the public use.

A letter from Major Odingsel enclosing his commission, requesting his resignation as Major of the first Battalion of the militia of the County of Chatham the same being laid before the Board and considered was accordingly accepted.

Savannah 30th July 1782.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan Jenkin Davis Esquires

His Honor the Governor quitted the chair when the following bills were laid before the Board. Viz,

An Act for preventing improper or disaffected persons, emi-

grating from other places and becoming citizens of this State, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Being read, agreed, to the following amendment, instead of the words "this act shall continue and remain in full force for three years— This act to be perpetual.

An Act, for opening the Courts of Justice under certain restrictions therein mentioned, being read and returned without amendment.

A resolve of the Honble. the House of Assembly, bearing date the 28th instant, authorizing and empowering his honor the Governor to appoint proper persons in the different parts of this State to collect all the arms, now in the possession of any of the inhabitants thereof which did belong to the British Government. The same being considered— Therefore,

Resolved, That Robert Greer be appointed to collect the same for the County of Chatham— John Waldhower for the County of Effingham.

The application of Moses Nunes Esq. praying to be appointed Clerk of the Market for the Town of Savannah.

Ordered, That the same be granted, and that a warrant be granted him for that purpose.

The Board taking into consideration the application of Mrs. Martha Evans, respecting the taking into possession the child and effects of the late Randal Evans, her son, which are at present detained from her by John Gilbert Therefore,

Resolved, That the said Mrs. Martha Evans be empowered to take the said child and effects into her possession (first taking an inventory and appraisement of the same by two different persons on oath, and making report to this Board.

Resolved, That Mr. Roger Lawson be furnished with two

horses in lieu of his that were lost in the public service; and that an order issue to the Deputy Quarter Master General for that purpose, he first having them appraised by two indifferent persons.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow.

Savannah 31st July 1782

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present,

His Honor the Governor.

Jonathan Bryan
Benjamin Lewis } Esquires.
Jenkin Davis

WHEREAS Information has been lodged with this Board; that numbers of people who have been very active against the good citizens of this State, and others whose names are mentioned in the bill of attainder and confiscation, did remain in Savannah after the evacuation by the British, and are now strolling about the Streets of this Town,

And Whereas, those characters are still suspected of being inimical to the liberties of America. Therefore

RESOLVED, That the Attorney General be directed immediately to lay hold of all such suspected characters, and commit them to the common Jail of Savannah; making report of the same to this Board in order that their conduct may be enquired into.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow morning.

Savannah 1st August 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	Jenkin Davis	Esquires
Benjamin Lewis	Peter Deveaux	

Application being made by Mr. John Brandon for his secret services in discovering the situation of the Indians at the standing peach tree,

RESOLVED, That the sum of sixteen pounds be granted the said Brandon for the above services, and that he do receive a written certificate for the same.

RESOLVED, That advertisements be posted forbidding persons indiscriminately from turning their horses or cattle on the plantations late the property of Sir James Wright, or from cutting rice off the same. which has late been practised to the great injury of the public. excepting the Members of the Council and Assembly. or those of the military line.

Application by petition being made by Capt. Francis Coddington respecting the procuring some negroes, the property of his wife and sister, from East-Florida, the same being considered, permission was accordingly granted.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morning.

Savannah 2nd August 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	Peter Deveaux	Esquires
Benjamin Lewis	Jenkin Davis	

Agreeable to a resolve of the Honble. the House of Assembly

ORDERED, That Mrs. Elizabeth Gresham be furnished with fifteen bushels of salt; and that an order be issued to the keeper of the public store for that purpose.

WHEREAS, the departments of Commissary General of purchases and issues, in the upper parts of this State, appear at present to be entirely useless, and of course a burthen to the State. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That the said Departments be immediately dismissed from further employ, and that His Honor the Governor be pleased to issue orders in consequence.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morning.

Savannah 3rd August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis
Benjamin Lewis } Esquires
Peter Deveaux

The Board adjourned to Monday morning 9 o'Clock.

Savannah 5th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan
Benjamin Lewis } Esquires
Peter Deveaux

His Honor the Governor quitted the Chair and the following bills were laid before the Board.

An Act for preventing improper or disaffected persons, emigrating from other places and becoming citizens of this State, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Being read and agreed to

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morng.

Savannah 6. August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	Jenkin Davis	Esquires
Benjamin Lewis	Peter Deveaux	

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morn.g.

Savannah 7th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Peter Deveaux	Benjamin Lewis	Esquires.
Jenkin Davis	John Lindsay	

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morning.

Savannah 8th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	Jenkin Davis	Esquires
Benjamin Lewis	John Lindsay	
Peter Deveaux		

Application being made, by petition, to this Board, by Eliza-

beth Wright, for rations for herself and family— the same being considered— Therefore,

ORDERED, That four daily rations be ordered for one month after the date hereof, for the support of herself and family.

The application of Horatio Marbury, by petition, for horses being considered, the same could not be complied with.

A letter being read from Robert Greer Commissary of Military stores in the said department. the same being considered Therefore,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested, to issue orders to the said Robert Greer, fully empowering him to procure all such stores as may appertain to his department.

A letter being read from Mr. Daniel Nunes praying to be appointed to the office of Vendue Master, the Board being informed by Mr. John Lindsay, that the Honorable the House of Assembly had already appointed Mr. John Gibbons, therefore the same could not be complied with.

The application of Nehemiah Wade Esquire, Dep. Quarter Master General requesting a supply of some articles for his department. the same being considered, Therefore,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to give orders for that purpose.

The petition of Mr. Benjamin Lloyd praying to be appointed Clerk of the Court for the County of Chatham, the Board taking the same into consideration

RESOLVED, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morning.

Savannah 9th August 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	Benjamin Lewis	Esquires.
John Lindsay	Peter Deveaux	

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morning.

Savannah 10th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Benjamin Lewis	Esquires.
Peter Deveaux	
John Lindsay	

The Board adjourned to Monday morning 9 o'Clock.

Savannah 12th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	Benjamin Lewis	Esquires
Edward Jones	John Lindsay	
Peter Deveaux		

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow.

In Council Savannah 13th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Benjamin Lewis	Peter Deveaux	Esquires.
Edward Jones	John Lindsay	

A letter received from Colº William McIntosh, containing proposals, recommending a mutual agreement between the State of Georgia, and the Province of East-Florida, to prevent plundering or murdering in either of those places. the same being read and considered. Therefore,

Resolved, that it be recommended to his honor the Governor to take such measures as will tend to effect so desirable a purpose. Which in our opinion will be conducive to the interest and welfare of this State.

ORDERED, That Col° Wm McIntosh, Samuel Stirk and John Wereat Esquires be appointed Commissioners for that purpose.

The petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That three rations be granted pr. day for one month from this date for the support of herself and two children.

The petition of Mrs. Lucy Tondor being read and considered, Therefore

ORDERED, That five rations per day for one month be granted, from the date hereof, for the support of herself and four children.

The application by letter from Mr. Seth John Cuthbert being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said application be granted.

The application by letter from Mr. Benjamin Stites respecting the procuring a vessel at Bermuda with a cargo of salt, rum &C being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, that the said application be granted.

The Memorial of Mr. Peter Henry Morel being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, that the said memorial be granted.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morng.

14th The Board met & adjourned to to-morrow 9 o'Clock.

In Council Savannah 15th Augt 1782.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Benjamin Lewis	John Lindsay	Esquires.
Edward Jones	Peter Deveaux	

His Honor the Governor presented letters from Governor Matthews & Gents Greene & Perkins, respecting a supply of two thousand bushels of salt for the suffering back inhabitants of South Carolina; The Board taking the same into consideration and finding our own supply being inadequate to such a demand, Therefore,

ORDERED, That application be made to the Merchants of this Town who have salt in possession to furnish the supply required and their terms, which are immediately to be forwarded Govr Matthews; in case said terms cannot be complied with by the State of So Carolina. this Board do agree to furnish them out of the public salt, reserved for the use of this State with the quantity of five hundred bushels, it being all that can possibly be spared.

The petition of Mr. John Mitchel and Mr. Thomas Hogg British Merchants, requesting they might proceed to Charleston on private business and to return to this place. the same being read and considered was accordingly granted. they having complied with the conditions of a parole.

The petition of Mr. Peter Henry Morel requesting permission to proceed to Charleston & from thence to the Island of Bermuda, in order to settle his private concerns & likewise to introduce into this port a vessel and Cargo, the same being read and considered was accordingly granted.

In Council Savannah 16th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Benjamin Lewis	Peter Deveaux	Esquires.
John Lindsay	Edward Jones.	

Two letters being presented this Board by Major Habersham from Doct. Brownfield Surgeon of the Hospital at the great Swamp, representing the melancholy situation of the Hospital at that place for the want of necessary supplies for the said Hospital Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said articles requisite for the said Hospital be immediately furnished. And that one quarter cask of wine, one of rum and eight bushels salt be procured for that purpose.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow.

In Council Savannah 17th Augt 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Benjamin Lewis	Peter Deveaux	Esquires.
John Lindsay	Edward Jones.	

The application of Mr. Nathan[1] Hicks and James Scott who are here on public business, and being destitute of money and supplies, Therefore,

ORDERED, that they be supplied with three daily rations for four days for themselves and servant.

The petition of Thomas Lee was presented, setting forth that some time in the year 1778. John Dooly (since deceased) entered a caveat against the petitioners obtaining a grant for three hundred acres land on Savannah River, in Wilkes County where he resided; that upon hearing the said caveat before his honor the president (Richard Wylly Esquire) and the members of the hon^ble^ Council the same was unanimously determined in the petitioners favor; That the said John Dooly made a second application to the Board, for a hearing on account of his not having the testimony of some material witnesses who were then absent, in consequence of which it was granted— the parties attended by their Counsels and a full investigation was had: and the right of the land in question (by the President and Council, given unanimously in favor of the petitioner; and the assistant Judge of the County of Wilkes ordered to put the said Lee in possession, but that he did prior to his death hold the same, and since his decease his relict has refused to give up the premises. Whereby he has received great and manifest damage and kept out of possession of his property contrary to all law and good order. Therefore, praying that the land above mentioned may be, agreeable to former orders of the Executive, restored by him, and peaceable and quiet possession given him by the assistant Judges of the County,

ORDERED, That the prayer of the petition be granted and that Benjamin Cathings, Zach. Lamar, Robert Harper Esquires Assistant Judges of the County of Wilkes, do issue process for putting the said Thomas Lee in possession of his land. And that they call on Col° Elijah Clark or the officer commanding the Militia of that County, to enforce this order with the militia of that County or such part as may be deemed necessary. And that as soon as the land office is opened, that the said Lee, make a re-

turn of his works, in order that a grant may pass to him for the same —

The petition of Doct^{r} Saml Bucroft praying to be taken off the classing list of the County of Chatham; the same being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

The application of Capt. James McKay pointing out the bad repair of the roads to the Southward, praying that Commissioners may be appointed to repair the same. The Board taking the same into consideration— therefore,

ORDERED, That Capt James McKay, Benjamin Stites, Francis Coddington, with Messr^{s} William Maxwell and George Cubage be appointed Commissioners to superintend the same. And that they be directed to proceed upon the said business immediately. And that Mr. William Bryan, Jacob Casper Waldhower Capt. Richard Guyn, be appointed Commissioners of the Western Roads, from the Town of Savannah to Ravanhurst Mill; and that they be directed to proceed upon the same without delay.

The application of Mr. Nathan^{l} Hicks, Assistant Com^{y} of issues, of Augusta, respecting two barren cows & one two year old heifer which he borrowed for public use,— Therefore,

ORDERED, That the agent of Richmond County be directed to replace cattle of equal value. And that an order be issued for that purpose.

N. B. one barren cow borrowed of Capt. Barten, one ditto of Mr Brannum, & one two year old heifer of Nathl Hicks.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock Monday morning.

The Board met according to adjournment.

The 18th August. The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morning.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

In Council, Savannah August 19th 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Benjamin Lewis	Edward Jones.	Esquires.
Jonathan Bryan	Jenkin Davis	
Peter Deveaux	John Lindsay	

It being represented by the Depy Quarter Master General that a quantity of oznabgs is wanted for the use of his department for repairing collars &C. for the public teams— Therefore,

Ordered, That he be furnished with twenty five yards for that purpose.

The petition of sundry whig inhabitants of the Town of Savannah praying the liberation of Doctr Andrew Johnston in consideration of his Medical abilities being so essentially necessary towards the health and preservation of the good people of this Town, at this dangerous and unhealthy season of the year. The same being read and considered, that in consideration of the many reasons pointed out in the said petition— Therefore,

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the County of Chatham be permitted to extend the limits of the said Doct. Andrew Johnson to the Town of Savannah and Yamacraw and the Trustees Gar-

dens he the said Johnston to be and continue in the possession and custody of the said Sheriff until the next meeting of the hon^ble the House of Assembly, or until a convenient opportunity offers to Ship the said Doct. Andrew Johnston to some British Port, agreeable to the Act of confiscation and attainder.

The Board adjourned to 4 o'Clock this afternoon.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	Jenkin Davis	Esquires.
Benjamin Lewis	John Lindsay	

The petition of Mr. Nathaniel Hicks being read and considered— Therefore,

ORDERED, That three bushels of salt be granted him out of the public Store

The application of Lieut. Col° John Cooper for the supply of sundry necessaries for the use of the Troops under his command, being read and considered. Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Col° Cooper be supplied with the following articles Viz, five barrels rice, twenty bushels salt; ten gallons rum; fifty two pounds brown sugar, twenty pounds coffee.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morng.

In Council Savannah 20th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	John Lindsay	Esquires
Benjamin Lewis	Peter Deveaux	

Dessentient's to the resolve of yesterday, respecting the limits of Doct. Andrew Johnston being permitted to be extended to the Town of Savannah and district of Yamacraw & the Trustees Gardens.

First—Because we do not find the Governor and Executive Council furnished with any authority by the constitution to suspend, in any instance, the positive laws of the State.

Secondly—Because we conceive the removal of the prisoners from the common Jail, according to the resolution of the Executive Council, is contrary to the law of the land.

Thirdly—Because we cannot in conscience, accede to a resolution, which we conceive to be illegal, unnecessary and impolitic. Illegal for the reasons before mentioned; Unnecessary, because the prisoner suffers no other confinement, than was foreseen and intended by law. And impolitic, because it discovers a want of firmness and determination in the Executive Department; which cannot, in our opinion, at any period, be more necessary than at the present.

Jno Lindsay
Jenkin Davis.

The petition of Mrs. Mary Dews, widow, applying for rations for herself and three children, the same being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That three rations be allowed per day, for one month, for the support of herself and three children.

WHEREAS, it is absolutely necessary that ways and means be immediately fallen upon for the present support of the Gentlemen Members of the Honble the Executive Council by virtue of a resolve of supply of the Honble. the House of Assembly of the 4th instant. And in the opinions of this Board, no other mode can, at present, be fallen upon. Therefore,

ORDERED, That the agents for the County of Chatham be immediately ordered to procure negroes belonging to the confiscated estates to be lodged in the hands of the Governor in order to be disposed of for that purpose, as otherways there is just reason to fear that public business must inevitably be protracted. And that His Honor the Governor be requested to issue the necessary orders for that purpose.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow.

In Council Savannah 21st August 1782

The Board met according to adjournment

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	Jenkin Davis	Esqrs.
Benjamin Lewis	John Lindsay	

The petition of Joseph Atkinson, a Continental Soldier, praying the restoration of his property, which has been seized on by the Commissioners, being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That the prayer of the said petition be granted by reason of his having been taken off the act of confiscation and

attainder. And that His Honor the Governor be requested to issue an order for that purpose.

The application of James Field Esq. for requesting the superintendance of collecting negroes and other property belonging to the citizens of this State and South Carolina; which has been and is now unlawfully kept from their right owners—being read and considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said James Field, Esq. be appointed to superintend that business. And he is hereby fully authorized and empowered to execute the same.

The application of Mr. Jon^{n} Bryan for two bushels public salt,

ORDERED, That the same be granted him in part of supplies granted the Honble the Council.

The petition of Amos Whitehead respecting the amercement of his property being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That the operation of the amercement law towards the said Whitehead be suspended, until the meeting of the Honble the House of Assembly And that the Commissioners of forfeited estates be furnished with a copy of this order.

(fees paid)

The petition of John Sebert being read and considered Therefore,

ORDERED, That Col^{o} James Jackson be directed to furnish the said Sebert with his pay and discharge agreeable to the terms of his enlistment—

The application of Mr. John Morel requesting the command of the White Bluff Company, being read considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That he take the immediate command of the said Company at White Bluff.

A certificate of Col° James Jackson respecting Andrew Snider, who acted as pilot to General Wayne in the service of this State, being considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That on account of his superior exertions, as specified in said certificate, that the said Snider do receive at the rates of four pounds, current money of this State, from the time that Gen[l] Wayne crossed the river, to the fall of Savannah—this to be deemed a continental charge.

The petition of Mrs. Grace Lyons, for herself and four children requesting rations being read considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That four daily rations be allowed for one month from the date hereof, for herself & four children.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow Morn[g]—

In Council Savannah 22nd Aug. 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	Benjamin Lewis	Esquires.
John Lindsay	Peter Deveaux	

The petition and affidavit of John Milledge Esq[r] and receipt of the Sheriff of the County of Chatham, the same being read and considered. Therefore,

ORDERED, That on the said Milledge's producing an affidavit from Mrs. Demere to the Commissioners of forfeited estates,

setting forth that his said negroe, Pope, was seen in the possession of a certain Mr. Locke of the State of N° Carolina who said he had received the said negroe in part payment of a debt due him from this State, and that the affidavit of the said Milledgeville setting forth that he never did, directly or indirectly dispose of, bargain or sell the said negro Pope to any person or persons in any manner whatever, and that the said negroe Pope is bona fide his own right and property; that then and in that case, the Commissioners of forfeited estates be, and are hereby directed to furnish the said Milledgeville a negro of equal value, the said negro Pope being a prime slave.

The petitions of Nicholas Subtrain, John Husler, Christopher Cramar and David Metzger, being read and considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That each and every one of them be discharged the service.

The petitions of George Rolfes and Francis Brooks, being read and considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That each of these before mentioned be referred to the next meeting of the Honble. the House of Assembly.

The petition of John Newdigate being read and considered. Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Newdegate be taken off the classing list.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morn^g.

The Board met according to adjournment.

In Council Savannah 23rd Augt 1782.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	John Lindsay	Esquires.
Benjamin Lewis	Peter Deveaux	
Edward Jones		

The petition of Francis Lewis, praying to be taken off the classing list, being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

That Captain Patrick Walch be furnished with goods out of the public store, to the amount of a sum not to exceed ten pounds specie.

WHEREAS, the Privateer Brigantine commanded by Captain Samuel Goodhue, now lying in this Port, has lately captured and brought in as prize, the Sloop Swift, on board of which, amongst other things there happens to be a number of negroes, part of which appear to be the property of some of the good citizens of this, and the next State. And whereas, information has been made to this Board, that the said Captain Goodhue means shortly to depart this port, without libelling or condemning the said prize, which would prove a great inconvenience to the citizens aforesaid, as in this case the persons claiming part of those negroes, must be obliged to follow this prize to some other port of the United States to assert their claims at vast expences, subverting justice. Therefore,

It is Ordered, That the said Captain Samuel Goodhue be instructed to libel for condemnation the Sloop Swift aforesaid with her Cargo, tackle, furniture and apparel &C. in order That the negroes on board the said Sloop may be restored to those who

have a just claim to the same, upon their paying salvage agreeable to the rules and regulations of the Honble the Continental Congress.

ORDERED, That Captain Samuel Goodhue, be furnished with a copy of this order.

In Council, Savannah 27th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	Benjamin Lewis	Esquires
Peter Deveaux	John Lindsay	
Jonn Bryan		

ORDERED That Mr. James Parker, Doct. Samuel Bucroft, John Morel & Joseph Wm Spencer be appointed Commissioners to superintend the repairs of the Skideway roads—Frederick Rolfes, Frederick R William Struthers James Habersham, Joseph McLean be appointed to superintend the Little Ogechee Southern Roads. And that they be directed to proceed on the same immediately—

The Board adjourned to 5 o'Clock this afternoon.

The Board met according to adjournment.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morng.

28th The Board met according to adjournment and adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morning.

In Council, Savannah 29th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	Jenkin Davis	Esquires.
John Lindsay	Peter Deveaux	
Benjamin Lewis		

WHEREAS, it appears by a resolve of the Honble. the House of Assembly, bearing date the fourth day of August, that Messrs Frederic Rolphs and John Strong were appointed to the offices of purchasing and issuing Commissary's for this State. And whereas, the said Honble House, directed that His Honor the Governor, should write to his Excellency Genl Greene, recommending the said Rolphs and Strong to be confirmed in their appointments

And Whereas, it appears by a letter from His Excellency Genl Greene, that Congress had totally changed their plan of arrangement, for the civil staff, and that they appoint no Commissaries or Quarter Masters; and therefore, that it is not in his power to either confirm or reject any appointments made in the State or in the Field; but recommends as the properest mode for the State to pursue, to appoint agents for those purposes, and which is also recommended by Colo Carrington, Quarter Master General of the Southern Army. Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Frederick Rolphs & John Strong be confirmed in their respective appointments by this State under the title and denomination of Agents, And that this Board do confirm the same.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morng—

In Council, Savannah 30th August 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	Jonathan Bryan	Esquires.
Benjamin Lewis	John Lindsay	

ORDERED, That Colº Jenkin Davis one of the Members of this Honoble Council, be supplied with one hundred pounds of public flour.

The petitions of George Rolfes and Francis Brooks being reconsidered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That they and each of them, be taken off the classing list.

The petition of Thomas Walker being read and considered—Therefore,

ORDERED That the same be referred to the Honble the House of Assembly;

The petition of John Lyons being read and considered Therefore,

ORDERED, That he do receive pay agreeable to his rank during the time of his service.

The application of Colº Adlai Osborn of Rowan County North Carolina, by Edward Jones Esquire, one of the Honble. Executive Council, soliciting the appointment of the Office of Register of Probates for the County of Chatham. Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Adlai Osborn Esqr be and is hereby appointed to the said office. and that His Honor the Governor

be requested to communicate the same to him as soon as possible.

A motion made by Mr. Edward Jones and seconded by Mr. Peter Deveaux, that we do immediately proceed to the choice of a President. The Board accordingly proceeded to ballot for the same, when it appeared that the Honorable Edward Jones Esquire was duly elected.

The Board adjourned to 4 o'Clock this afternoon.

The Board met according to adjournment.

The Board adjourned to 11 o'Clock to-morrow.

The Board met and adjourned to Tuesday the third of September 1782.

Savannah, In Council Tuesday 3rd Sept. 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan, John Lindsay, Edward Jones, Benjamin Lewis } Esquires.

The petition of Hetty Seabury being read and considered. Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Mrs. Seabury be allowed two rations

per day, for her family for the space of one month from this date.

The application of Mrs. Store, being read and considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Mrs. Store be permitted to proceed to and return from Charleston, agreeable to the prayer of her application.

The application of Mrs. Sarah Bennett, being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Mrs. Bennett and family be allowed three rations per day for one month from this date.

The application of Mrs. Deane, being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Mrs. Deane be permitted to proceed to, and return from Charleston, with her property, consisting of negroes.

The petition of Thomas Yarbrough being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, that the procuring a substitute be postponed and that the prayer of his petition be referred to the Honble. the House of Assembly.

WHEREAS, various complaints have been made to me in Council, that the merchants who remained in the Town of Savannah, upon the evacuation of the same, by the British Troops under certain generous and liberal restrictions, granted them by His Honor the Governor with the advice and consent of the Honble. the Executive Council; and concurrence of the Honble. Brigadier Gen[l] Wayne, confirmed by the Honble. the House of Assembly, that the said merchants have and now do, in violation of the

faith reposed in them, and contrary to the aforesaid generous and liberal restrictions, extorted and still do extort enormous and very extravagant prices from the good citizens of this Town and State aforesaid, for their goods, wares and merchandize. Therefore,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested immediately to issue his proclamation, strictly prohibiting and forbidding such mal-practices in future, under such penalties as in the same may be declared.

The Board adjourned to Thursday morn^{g} 9 o'Clock.

The Board met and adjourned to Friday 6th Septr. 1782.

In Council Savannah 6th September 1782.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	Edward Jones	Esquires
John Lindsay	Benjamin Lewis	

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the Governor in Council by information on oath, that Mr. Belchers presumed Clerk or agent had agreed with a number of persons lately come to Town with flour for sale. And whereas, such agreement should be consistent with the proclamation lately issued by His Honor the Governor in Council; And whereas, the same flour was by the agreement aforesaid to be exchanged for salt and other goods. It is therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Clerk or Agent do supply the owners

of the flour aforesaid with salt at the following rate, to wit, nine shillings and four pence per bushel; it appearing to the Board upon a minute examination to be the cash price. and other goods, conformable to the proclamation aforesaid, in exchange for the said flour, to him bargained or disposed of as aforesaid at the cash price. the said flour appearing likewise to this Board, upon a strict enquiry to be at the rate of thirty shillings per hundred weight, and that the respective parties be served with a copy of this order.

The Board adjourned to 4 o'Clock this afternoon.

The Board met according to adjournment 4 o'Clock P. M. afternoon.

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board by information of Messrs Burke and Strosier, parties concerned in the purchase of a quantity of salt and other merchandise from the House of James Belcher Merchant of this Town, that Mr. Walker, in behalf of Mr. Belcher, his employer, refuses to deliver the quantity of salt &c. according to the agreement entered into with them, and in direct violation of an order of this Board to that effect. Therefore,

ORDERED, That unless the said Walker, in behalf of his employer, Mr. Belcher, do immediately deliver the said salt &C. according to said agreement, that this Board do give order that the said Store be immediately broke open, and the quantity of salt taken out and delivered to the said Burk and Strosier agreeable to said agreement, and that the said door be immediately after nailed up, and a Centinel placed over the same; to prevent a waste of property, until further orders from this Board, he the said Walker, agent for the said Belcher, having already received full consideration for the salt, &C. and who has since absented himself from the said State; apparently with a view,

not to comply with the order of this Board, hereunto referred. And that His Honor the Governor be requested to give order to the Sheriff to carry this order into effect.

The petition of Elizabeth Hamerer being read and considered Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said petitioner and family be allowed three rations per day for one month from the date hereof.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday 10th September. 1782.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

In Council, Savannah 10th September 1782.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	Benjamin Lewis Esquires
Peter Deveaux	John Lindsay Esquires

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board, that the Deputy Quarter Masters Generals Department, under the present arrangement is not only a heavy expence, but a useless burthen to this State. Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said department be done away altogether, and that the said Quarter Master be directed to make immediate returns to this Board of all the public horses, waggons, Boats, and other stores in his possession or under his direction belonging to the said Department; And that he be served with a copy of this order.

ORDERED, That Mr. John Bernard be appointed to the command of the Sea Islands company.

WHEREAS, it appears necessary that Commissioners be appointed for the public Market of Savannah—Therefore,

ORDERED, That Messrs Stirk, Montaigut and Thomas Mills, be Commissioners for that purpose.

ORDERED, That Mrs. Elizabeth Wright have her four daily rations continued one month from this 10th inst. Also, Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan to her have her three daily rations continued one month from the 13th instant.

Also, Mrs. Lucy Tonder to have her five daily rations continued for one month longer.

The application of Capt. John Milton, being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That he the said Milton be allowed four rations per day for three months, when applied for; for which he is to be accountable.

The application of Messrs. O'Bryan and Clay, Commissioners of the Pilotage, in behalf of Ichabud Higgins, to be appointed a branch Pilot, for the bar and river of Savannah; And also, praying that the said Ichabud Higgins, be allowed rations for the space of.....he to be accountable for the same, the Board taking the same into consideration, Therefore,

ORDERED That the said Higgins be appointed a branch Pilot for this Bar & River, and to be allowed.....rations agreeable to said application.

WHEREAS it appears to this Board, that there is a deficiency of acting Magistrates in the County of Chatham. Therefore,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to appoint one or more Magistrates for said County as may be sufficient for carrying on the necessary duties appertaining to said Office.

The Board adjourned to Friday 13th Instant.

The Board met according to adjournment.

In Council, Savannah 13. September, 1782.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	Peter Deveaux	Esqr
Benjamin Lewis	Jonathan Bryan	

The application of Mary Muslain, a young girl, about fifteen years of age, who has lost the use of her limbs. The Board taking her case into consideration. Therefore,

ORDERED, That she be allowed one daily ration for her present support.

ORDERED, That Mr. John Strong issuing agent, issue no rations, but by order from this Board or Major Habersham.

WHEREAS, it appears absolutely necessary to this Board, that a Commissary of Prisoners be appointed. Therefore,

ORDERED, That William McIntosh Esquire be and he is hereby appointed to that office.

ORDERED, That Nehemiah Wade Esq. be allowed three rations per day, for one week, being the time allotted for the settlement of his accounts in the Quarter Masters Department. And that, Joseph Humphrys be allowed one ration per day during the time he may be employed in taking charge of the public waggons and Teams—

The Board adjourned to-morrow Morng 9 o'Clock.

The Board met.

In Council, Savannah 14th Sept. 1782.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis
Benjamin Lewis } Esqrs.
Peter Deveaux

The petition of John Riley being read and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That he be allowed two daily rations for one month from this date.

The petition of John Lourman being read and considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said petition be referr'd to the Honorable Assembly.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday next.

The Board met on

Friday the 20th September 1782.

Present

His Honor, Edward Jones, President.

Jonathan Bryan
Benjamin Lewis } Esqrs
William Glascock

ORDERED, That Frederic Rolfes Esq. Agent of purchases for this State, do take into his possession all horses, waggons, and

public Stores, now in the hands of the late Deputy Quarter Master Nehemiah Wade.

ORDERED, That Mrs. Mary Dews, be continued her three rations per day for one month from this date.

ORDERED, That Nehemiah Wade, Deputy Quarter Master General do make return of the quantity of salt received of the merchants since the evacuation by the British Troops, and his issues of that article since that period; that it may be known, what quantity remains to be delivered to make up the three Thousand bushels ordered to be procured for the use of the State.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday next.

In Council, Savannah 1st October 1782.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan, William Glascock, Jenkin Davis, Peter Deveaux } Esqrs

WHEREAS it appears to this Board, that Ademus Burke Esq. late appointed to the office of Cheif Justice of this State, has neither by letter accepted the said appointment, nor attended to the duties thereof, and of course the Courts must be altogether neglected or laid aside for the present, to the great injury of this State, unless some other should be appointed in his stead, per tempore. Therefore,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to write Richard Howley Esquire soliciting his acceptance of the said office, on the foregoing conditions; And that the Attorney General be directed to prepare a Commission for that purpose,—

WHEREAS, Major Richard Call by letter to His Honor the Governor, has solicited the appointment to the office of Surveyor General of this State. This Board taking the same into consideration—Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Richard Call be and he is hereby appointed to the said office of Surveyor General of this State aforesaid.

The Board adjourned to to-morrow morn^{g} 9 o'Clock.

In Council, Savannah 2nd October 1782.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan		Jenkin Davis	Esqrs.
William Glascock		Peter Deveaux	

The petition of Francis Urvoy with a certificate from Col' James Jackson, being read and considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Petitioner be supplied with ten bushels of public salt, as a gratuity for his services—

The petition of George Bazil Spencer to be appointed Measurer and Surveyor of lumber for the County of Chatham, being read and considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said G. B. Spencer be and is hereby appointed a Measurer and surveyor of lumber for the County aforesaid.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morng.

Savannah Georgia

In Council 8th October 1782.

Present, His Honor the Governor

William Glascock	Jenkin Davis	Esqrs
Peter Deveaux	Jonathan Bryan	

ORDERED, That His Honor the President, Edward Jones Esquire be furnished with ten bushels of the public salt, at two and a half dollars per bushel, he to be accountable for the same.

ORDERED, That Francis Little be furnished with six and half bushels of salt, for the amount of his account in full to the 8th instant, being three pounds, eighteen shillings, for the support of five of the Cherokee Indians, Prisoners of this State.

The Board adjourned to the 11th instant at 9 o'Clock Morning.

In Council, Savannah 11th October 1782.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jonathan Bryan	William Glascock	Esqrs
Benjamin Lewis	Peter Deveaux	

The application of Samuel Stirk Esquire, respecting the raising a Volunteer Company of Infantry for the Town of Savannah, to be selected from the different companies of Militia being read and considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That he be permitted to raise the said corps agreeable to the foregoing application.

The application of George Embeck, Barrack Master, for eight negroes, to be employed in taking care of the public wood and assist in procuring forage for the public horses, being read and considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That he be directed to procure six negroes from the different plantations, contiguous to Savannah, where they can be most conveniently spared.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday next 15th current.

In Council, Savannah 19th October 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Edward Jones, Thomas Maxwell, William Glascock, Lemuel Lanier } Esqrs

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board that there are a number of Taverns and tipling houses in the Town of Savannah and various other parts of this State, for the reception of disorderly persons, to the great disturbance of the peaceable inhabitants of the same, and in order to prevent those abuses in future. Therefore,

ORDERED, That no person within the limits of this State be allowed to retail spirituous liquors under the measure of three gallons, under the penalty of twenty five pounds specie, in this Town and other parts of this State, without permission and license being first had and obtained from this Board agreeably to an Act of Assembly of this State. (for license £10. specie—

The application of Captain Patrick Carr, being read and considered. Therefore,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to prepare a Commission for Capt Barton, to raise a Company of Volunteer Horse, to consist of one Captain, one Lieutenant, one Cornet & Thirty privates to be annexed to Carr's Legion, under the command of Capt. Patrick Carr. for the defence and protection of this State. also,

ORDERED, That Capt. Patrick Carr, be immediately furnished with thirty pair of pistols, for the use of his Legion he to be accountable for the same.

The Board adjourned to Monday 21st Instant at 9 o'Clock.

The Board met and adjourned to the 22nd October Inst.

Savannah. In Council 22nd October 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Edward Jones	Thomas Maxwell	Esqr^{s}
William Glascock	Lemuel Lanier	
Jonathan Bryan		

WHEREAS, there are a number of notorious characters, who infest the roads and other parts of this State, and are continually murdering and plundering the virtuous inhabitants of the same, and in order to the more effectually expelling and totally annihilating those enemies to mankind (those hellish and diabolical fiends) from the face of the earth. Therefore,

ORDERED That any person either employed in the public service or otherways, shall not only be released from his term of enlistment, but shall also receive the sum of ten guineas as a reward on his producing to the Governor and Council in Savannah the body, or good and sufficient proof that such of the under mentioned persons are absolutely and bona fide killed—

1 Samuel Moore

2 George Cooke

3 Henry Cooper Junr

4 William Cooper

5 Samuel Cooper

6 Henry Cooper Senr

7 Noah Harrill

8 Cudd Mobly.

9 Ludd Mobly

10 Capt. Marler.

11 William Langham

12 John Jarvis

13 John Webster

14 Joseph Adams

15 Swearing Jones

16 Philip Thomas

17 James Altman

18 Thomas Altman

19 Elias Bonnell

20 Owen Harrigall

21 Clark Johnson

22 Jack Hague.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock 23rd Instant.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment

Savannah, In Council 23rd Oct. 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Thomas Maxwell Lemuel Lanier Edward Jones	Jonathan Bryan William Glascock	Esquires

WHEREAS, it appears to the Governor and Council that the services of Colo Daniel McMurphy, as superintendent of Indian Affairs, are no longer necessary to this State. Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Colo. Daniel McMurphy be immediately suspended from the said appointment and he is hereby accordingly suspended.

It is Further Ordered, That the said Colonel Daniel McMurphy be furnished with a copy of this order.

ORDERED, That Jonathan Bryan Esquire be supplied with six bushels of salt; Thomas Maxwell, Esquire, be supplied with

three bushels of salt; and Lemuel Lanier Esquire with three bushels of salt, to be delivered out of the public store; each of them to be accountable for the same.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment

Savannah, In Council October 24th 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Edward Jones	Thomas Maxwell	Esquires.
William Glascock	Lemuel Lanier	
Jonathan Bryan		

WHEREAS, several papers have been laid before this Board by Mr. William Struthers, the same being read and considered--Therefore,

ORDERED, That the operation of the amercement law, with respect to him, the said William Struthers, be suspended until the next meeting of the honorable the Legislature of this State; to which the said papers are referred, and the operation of the said amercement law, with respect to him the said William Struthers until the time aforesaid, is hereby accordingly suspended.

The petition of John Butler Maxwell being laid before the Board, praying the punishment inflicted in the confiscation law might be so far mitigated in his behalf as to permit him the said John Butler Maxwell, to go to, and remain at, his plantation in the County of Chatham (still holding himself a prisoner to the Sheriff of the said County) until the next meeting of the Hon-

orable the Legislature of this State. the same being read and considered. Therefore,

ORDERED, That the prayer of the said petition be granted, and is hereby accordingly granted. And that the Sheriff of the County of Chatham be furnished with a copy of this order.

The petition of Mr. Donald M^c^Intosh being laid before the Board and being read and considered— Therefore,

ORDERED, That the person of him the said Donald M^c^Intosh be exempted from the operation of the confiscation law until the next meeting of the honorable the legislature of this State; to which his petition is referred.

The Board adjourned to to-morrow. 9 oClock.

Savannah In Council 30th Oct° 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

The Honble. Edward Jones, President.

Jonathan Bryan	Thomas Maxwell	Esqrs
Benjamin Lewis	Peter Deveaux	

In consequence of sundry applications laid before the Governor and Council, respecting purchasing negroes from the inhabitants of East-Florida, which being debated and considered, Therefore,

ORDERED, That it is the opinion of this Board, that the citizens of this State, be allowed to purchase negroes from British subjects, late residents of Georgia and now in East-Florida;

agreeable to a resolve of the late House of Assembly And that they be allowed to export produce and lumber for the payment of such purchases—

On application made the Governor and Council,

ORDERED, That John Riley be allowed two rations pr. day for one month in consideration of his being a cripple and unable to support himself and family—

A petition from John Couzin being read, praying for a furlough, to go to Burke County and there to remain till the meeting of the House of Assembly referred to Major Habersham—

The petition of Thomas Gibbons being read, praying that he may be liberated, until the meeting of the General Assembly—

ORDERED, That he be permitted to remain at his Mothers plantation, and be allowed to pass to and from Savannah, to his mothers aforesaid, still holding himself a prisoner to the Sheriff of Chatham County. And that the Sheriff be furnished with a copy of this order.—

Savannah In Council 2nd Novr 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Honble. Edward Jones Esq. President

Thomas Maxwell, Benjamin Lewis, Peter Deveaux } Esqrs

A petition from a respectful number of free-holders and citizens of the County of Chatham, being read— praying that an

immediate embargo be laid on provisions of every kind, for the space of three months next ensuing—

ORDERED, That a proclamation do issue laying an embargo on provisions of every kind agreeable to the prayer of the said petition, for the space of three months— And that the Secretary be ordered to prepare a proclamation.

In consequence of a petition from a number of respectable inhabitants of Chatham County, praying that Mr. Robert Porteous, now a prisoner to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid be released—

ORDERED, That the Sheriff be directed to discharge the said Poteous, And that he the said Poteous do immediately depart the limits of this State.

A petition and Affidavit of Mrs. Mary Wright. being read, concerning a negro boy, June, in the possession of Richard Henderson; possession of which negro was given said Henderson, pro. tempore. for his services— Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said negro, June, be restored the said Mary Wright, he appearing to be the property of Joseph Wright deceased. And that an order do issue from His Honor the Governor for that purpose —

Savannah In Council 5th Nov. 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Honble. Edward Jones Esqr President.

Thomas Maxwell, Benjamin Lewis, Jonathan Bryan } Esqrs

ORDERED, That the resolves of the Honble. the House of Assembly of the 16th and 19th July last, respecting the British Merchants be published in the next Gazette for the information and conduct of the said Merchants.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment

Savannah In Council 6th Nov. 1782.

Present

The Honble. Edward Jones Esq. President

Thomas Maxwell, Benjamin Lewis, Peter Deveaux, Jonathan Bryan } Esqrs

The application of Mr. James Greenhow, a British Merchant, being laid before the Board, the same being read and considered,

ORDERED, That the said Greenhow be permitted to send the Schooner, Carolina, to Skedaway in order to take on Board five hundred bushels of corn for exportation with the quantity of rice purchased by him, now on board the said Schooner; as the pur-

chase was prior and not presumed to interfere with His Honor the Governors proclamation, laying an embargo on the exportation of provisions from this State.

Savannah In Council 7th Novr 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

The Honble. Edward Jones Esq., President

Thomas Maxwell	Benjamin Lewis	Esqrs
Peter Deveaux	Jonathan Bryan	

The remonstrance and petition of a number of respectful citizens of the Town and Neighborhood of Savannah being laid before the Board, the same being read and considered— Therefore,

Ordered, That it is the opinion of this Board that every degree of respect and attention be paid the same—

Ordered That the account of Daniel Geroad amount.g to sixteen pounds, for a Boat bought for the public service by the Commissioners appointed for the building of Gallies and procuring Boats for the defence of this State be paid—

Savannah In Council 13th Novr 1782.

Present

The Honble. Edward Jones Esq. President.

Thomas Maxwell, Holman Freeman, Benjamin Lewis } Esquires.

In pursuance of a resolve of the Honble. the Legislature of this State, July 28th 1782. appointing the Honble. Stephen Heard Esquire, to send for, and receive three hundred bushels of salt or thereabouts, for the use of the inhabitants of the County of Wilkes, he receiving produce from the said inhabitants for the same, with the amot of any charges. And he being not disposed to undertake the said appointment and recommending Zachariah Lamar Esq. for that purpose,

Ordered, That the said Zachariah Lamar, be and he is hereby appointed in the room of the Honble. Stephen Heard Esquire

The application of Edward Davis Esquire being read and considered,

Ordered, That he be supplied with three bushels of salt, out of the public store, he being accountable for the same.

The petition of Richard Leake, And — Newdigates application being considered,

Ordered, That they and each of them be furnished with a Commission of a letter of Mark, for their vessels— giving the usual bond with security to His Honor the Governor.

Ordered, That Donald McLeod, Thomas Young, John Glen, John Mulryne Tatnall, and William Forrester proceed within

forty Eight hours to Char^{s} Town, agreeable to the tenor of their Flag, produced to the Board the seventh instant.

The petition of Seth Deane being read and considered.

ORDERED, That the said Seth Deane be discharged from his inlistment with Capt. Patrick Carr, agreeable to the prayer of his petition.

The petition of Stephen Millen being read and considered—Therefore,

ORDERED, That the operation of the amercement law in his behalf, be suspended until the next meeting of the Honble. Legislature.

The Board adjourned to Friday next.

The Board met by adjournment.

Savannah In Council 15th Novr 1782.

Present

The Honble. Edward Jones Esq. President.

Thomas Maxwell
Benjn Lewis } Esqrs.
Holman Freeman

The petition of a number of the inhabitants of the County of Effingham being read and considered.

ORDERED, That Colo. Stephen Johnson and Capt. McKenzie be and are hereby appointed Magistrates for the said County of Effingham agreeable to the prayer of the said petition.

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow.

Council Chamber, Savannah 16th Novr 1782.

Present

The Honble. Edward Jones Esq. President.

Thomas Maxwell
Benjn Lewis } Esqrs.
Holman Freeman

In pursuance of a proclamation dated 15th October 1782. by the United States in Congress assembled. expressing their desire the Thursday the 28th of Nov. Inst. ensuing be appointed a day of solemn thanksgiving— in conformity thereto we recommend to the inhabitants of this State, that the said 28th day of November Instant be set apart as a day of solemn thanksgiving throughout the State.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday next 10 o'Clock.

Council Chamber, Savannah 19th Nov. 1782.

Present

The Honble. Edward Jones Esq. President.

Thomas Maxwell
Benjn Lewis } Esqrs.
Jonathan Bryan

Mr. Francis Paris is hereby required and ordered to furnish His Honor the Governor and Council with the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds specie, on Friday the 22nd Instant, or to deliver into the custody of the Sheriff of the County of Chatham, three negroes of the names, viz, George, Tom and Emanuel, on the said day at 10 o'Clock in the forenoon—

The Agent, Mr. Frederic Rolfes, is hereby authorized and impowered to impress forage for the use of the Continental Horse, until the next meeting of the Board; distressing no particular persons.

The Board adjourned to Friday next.

Council Chamber, Savannah 22nd Novr 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Thomas Maxwell	Benjn Lewis	} Esqrs
Jonathan Bryan	Edward Jones.	

The petition of Mr Frederic Rolfes being read and considered—Therefore,

Ordered, That Mr. Samuel Stites be and is hereby appointed as an assistant to the said Rolfes with the usual rations and pay.

Ordered, That Edward Jones and Thomas Maxwell Esqrs be and they are hereby appointed to examine the bonds in the hands of the Commissioners of the forfeited estates. And that they do make report to this Board on the next Council day.

The Board adjourned to 10 o'Clock to-morrow morn.g

Council Chamber, Savannah 23rd Novr 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Thomas Maxwell	Benjn Lewis	} Esqrs.
Edward Jones	Jonathan Bryan	

The petition of sundry officers of Burke County recommending Hugh Lawson Esq. to be appointed Colonel of the Militia of that County— Therefore,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to have a Commission made out, appointing the said Hugh Lawson, Colonel of the Militia of the said County of Burke; in the room of Colonel Emanuel who has retired—

A letter from Colonel James McKay being laid before the Board, respecting the out layers and Torys, who infest this State, the same being read and considered Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said James McKay be authorized and permitted to raise a company of ten or twelve men for the purpose of suppressing these blood-thirsty and diabolical villains —and for the protection of the peaceable inhabitants of this State,— And that His Honor the Governor be requested to order a Commission made out for that purpose—

The Board adjourned to Tuesday next 10. o'Clock.

Savannah 26th November 1782.

Present, His Honor

The President Edward Jones Esqr

Thomas Maxwell
Benjamin Lewis } Esqrs.
Jonathan Bryan

WHEREAS, it appears that there may be a want of salt, for the use of the Continental Troops, as well as the citizens of this State,—

ORDERED, That the exportation of salt is hereby prohibited from this day until the next setting of the Assembly— and further

ORDERED, That the Secretary do prepare a proclamation prohibiting the same accordingly.

ORDERED, That Mr. Thomas Lamar be furnished with ten bushels of salt out of the public store, on account of a quantity of arms, amunition &C. brought from Augusta agreeable to a return of 30th August last by the Commissary of Military Stores, in part of his account for that purpose.

The Board adjourned to 10 o'Clock Friday next.

In Council Savannah 29th Novr 1782.

Present

The Honble. Edward Jones Esq. President.

Thomas Maxwell
Benjamin Lewis } Esqrs.
Jonathan Bryan

The papers of Wm Temple Coles, respecting negroes he received from the public of this State in payment of horses being read and considered,

ORDERED, That the said Wm Temple Coles, be referred to the next setting of the Assembly.

The Board adjourned to 10 o'Clock to-morrow.

Council Chamber, Savannah 30th Novr 1782.

Present, His Honor

The President, Edward Jones Esqr

Thomas Maxwell
Benjamin Lewis } Esqrs.
Peter Deveaux

The Board adjourned to Monday 2nd December 10 o'Clock in the morning.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Council Chamber, Savannah 2nd Decemr 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Edward Jones
Thomas Maxwell } Esqrs.
Benjamin Lewis

A letter from Col. John Skey Eustace, respecting the feeding and transportation of sundry negroes from Chars Town, belonging to the inhabitants of this State, being read and considered Therefore,

ORDERED, That the whole of the said expence be enumerated by Colo John Skey Eustace and Major Peter Deveaux, who were appointed Commissioners for that purpose and the same be proportioned agreeable to the number they may have brought—the same to be paid by their respective owners.

The Board adjourned to to-morrow morn.g 8 o'Clock.

Council Chamber, Savannah 5th Decr 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Edward Jones — Thomas Maxwell
Benjamin Lewis — Peter Deveaux } Esqrs

The petition of Solomon Milner, for the purpose of procuring negroes, his property, now at St Augustine being read and considered— Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Milner have permission to proceed there on board the Flag, Schooner from thence John Tobler Master, and to carry with them one hhd. of Tobacco, to bear his expences, and twenty four head of poultry for provisions—

The Board adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow.

Council Chamber, Savannah 6th Decr 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Edward Jones	Thomas Maxwell	} Esqrs.
Benjamin Lewis	Peter Deveaux	

The application of Capt. John Morrell to proceed to St Augustine in a Flag, respecting his taking with him, some provisions for his support while there endeavoring to procure his negroes lately taken and carried there, Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Morrell be allowed one hundred bushels corn and two barrels rice to defray the expences attending this business—

Council Chamber, Savannah 23rd Decr 1782.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Edward Jones	Thomas Maxwell	} Esqrs
Benjamin Lewis	Peter Deveaux	

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board that there is at present no

apparent prospect of a scarcity of provisions in this State,— His Honor, with the advice of his Council aforesaid, thinks proper to supercede a proclamation of His Honor dated the 2nd ultimo laying an embargo on all sorts of provisions, by a proclamation of this date—

It is Hereby Ordered, The same be superceded under certain restrictions, until the determination of the Legislature is known on the same.

Adjourned to 9 o'Clock to-morrow morn.g

Council Chamber, Savannah 31st Decr 1782.

Whereas, Major John Habersham and Samuel Stirk Esquire, were appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly, to class the persons who resided in and about the Town of Savannah, and the County adjacent. And Whereas, it appears, from the return made by the said Gentlemen, that the business was by them performed, and that many of the said persons, so classed as aforesaid, have neglected to furnish the Continental army with substitutes —

Ordered, That the said Major John Habersham and Samuel Stirk Esquire, do immediately require the said persons to furnish their substitutes to the Continental Army within fifteen days from the date hereof, And in case the persons so classed as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to obey the tenor of this order; that immediately after the expiration of the said fifteen days, the said Major John Habersham and Samuel Stirk do take the names of each class and draw from among them one name, who shall be deemed the substitute, and shall serve as a Continental Soldier, until the class furnishes another in his room.

Council Chamber Savannah 4th Jany 1783.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Edward Jones	Thomas Maxwell	Esqrs
Benjamin Lewis	Peter Deveaux	

WHEREAS, persons from other States come into this Town or Country adjacent, whose characters are not known either to the civil or Military authority.

AND WHEREAS, it is absolutely necessary for the safety of the State, that every enquiry should be made and report thereof made to this Board.

RESOLVED, That every transient person arriving in this Town, do within twenty four hours after his or her arrival, attend the Attorney General, and make report to him, and in case any suspected character should be found within the limits of the said Town or the Country adjacent, they will be immediately secured and confined as enemies to this and the United States and dealt with accordingly.

RESOLVED ALSO, That any person under the above description that have, since the fifth day of August last or shall come into any of the other Counties in this State, that they do, within the time limited, appear before the nearest Justice of the said County and make report as aforesaid, who is hereby required to transmit regularly once every month a return of persons to the Executive Authority of this State.

WHEREAS, some time since, sundry negroes were legally condemned in the Court of Vice Admiralty, to the use of this State, and set up at public sale, for the particular purpose of defraying the present exigencies of Government and for other purposes—And Whereas, the same were sold for the satisfying the said

exigencies. And Whereas, it appears to this Board, that the monies arising therefrom have not as yet been paid into the Treasury, and the said exigencies and purposes yet remain unsettled It is therefore,

ORDERED, That the bonds given by sundry persons in part or whole of the said payments for such negroes sold as aforesaid, be assigned by His Honor the Governor unto Jonathan Clarke Esquire for the sole purpose of defraying and satisfying the same; and that he take such steps for recovering the money due, or seizing the property so sold as shall appear to him most eligible for the purposes herein before mentioned—

Council Chamber Savannah 7th Jany 1783.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Thomas Maxwell	Benjamin Lewis	Esqrs
Peter Deveaux	Edward Jones	

ORDERED, That the Commissioners of Forfeited Estates do immediately proceed to procure the ten negroes, for His Honor the Governor, from any person or persons who have forfeited the same, for the purpose of supporting the family and person in the exercise of Government, agreeable to a resolve of the Honorable the House of Assembly passed in Augusta, the 4th day of May 1782. And that the said Commissioners be furnished with a copy of this order.

Members of the Executive Council
for 1783.

Chatham	James Bryan	Esquires
	John Morel	

Effingham	Jenkin Davis Wm Holzendorf	Esquires
Burke	John Fulton Benjn Lewis	Esquires
Richmond	Zacharias Fenn Esquire	
Wilkes	Walton Harris James Little	Esquires
Liberty	John Elliott James Stuart	Esquires.

SIR,

In notifying to your honor your appointment to the Office of Chief Magistrate of this State, we cannot but congratulate our Country on so happy an occasion. The early and decided part which your honor took in the cause of America, and exertions in the course of the arduous and important struggle which preceded the auspicious dawn of independence, confirm us in the fullest assurances, that under your administration a continued practice of Whig principles will prevail; and a strict execution of those wise and salutary laws, which have been passed in former Assemblies for completing the safety and welfare of the State.

Your honor may rely on the assistance and support of the Assembly on every occasion; and we shall think we only fulfil our duty in discharge of the high trust reposed in us, by affording every aid in our power that can promote the general tranquility and establish *Whigism* on a permanent foundation.

J. H. Speaker.

8th January 1783.

His Honor the Governor's answer.

Mr. Speaker and
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

I esteem your unsolicited appointment of me to the office of Chief Magistrate of this State, as the greatest honor; and am affected with sentiments of the warmest gratitude on the occasion.

The early and decided part which I took in the cause of America originated from a full conviction of the justice and rectitude of the cause we engaged in, has uniformly continued as the principle of my heart, and I trust will, to the last moments of life.

If I can, by a strict attention to the various objects of Government, and a steady and impartial exertion of the powers with which you have invested me, carry into execution, the wise and salutary laws of the State, it will afford a pleasing prospect of our future welfare, brighten the dawn of independence, and establish the genuine principles of whigism on a firm and permanent foundation.

The Confident reliance, Gentlemen, on the wisdom of the Council you have assigned me, and the firm support of your honorable House, affords a flattering expectation of succeeding in this difficult and important trust.

(Signed) L. Hall.

In Council, Savannah 9th January 1783.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Benjamin Lewis John Elliott John Fulton	Jenkin Davis Zacharias Fenn and James Bryan	Esquires.

The Board proceeded to the choice of a Clerk or Secretary when David Rees was by a majority chosen.

John Riley was appointed Messenger and Door-keeper.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

In Council Savannah 10th January 1783.

The Board met by adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis Walton Harris Zacharias Fenn	Benjamin Lewis John Elliott John Fulton	Esquires.

Application of Motlina Powledge for half bushel salt furnished the public.

Ordered, That the same be returned her.—which was accordingly, returned.

Motion made that a President be chosen agreeable to the Constitution— postponed till more Members attend.

Letter from Charles Thompson Esqr Secretary to Congress, dated 4th November 1782, notifying the appointment of His Excellency Elias Boudinot Esq. to the Presidency for the ensuing year.

Application of Samuel Stirk Esqr one of the Commissioners on a late embassy to St Augustine, in a Flag &C. requesting that certain articles bought of Mr. Greenhow, for that voyage, charged to the private account of the said Samuel, may be placed to the account of the State, was read— Whereupon,

ORDERED, That Mr. Greenhowe be requested to debit the State for the same.

Letter from Capt Patrick Carr, 28th Decem^{r} 1782, was read.

ORDERED, That the same be referred to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Petitions Joseph Fox and Isaac Cloyett was read—

ORDERED, That the same be referr'd to the Honorable House of Assembly.

Adjourned till 4 o'Clock afternoon.

The Board, as above mentioned, met by adjournment.

Affidavit of Doctor John Irvine, setting forth the bad state of health of a certain William Ross, who came in a Flag from St Augustine, and that it would endanger his life to send him off at this juncture, was read—

ORDERED, That the said Ross have permission to remain on shore till Tuesday next; then to proceed with Gregory Cozens Flag, Good Intent.

Petition of William Peacock dated 15th Decemr 1782, was read.

ORDERED, That it be referred to the Honorable House of Assembly.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

Savannah 11th January 1783.

The Board met by adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jenkin Davis	Benjamin Lewis	Esquires.
John Elliott	Zacharias Fenn	
John Fulton	Walton Harris	

Message from His Honor the Governor to the Honorable House of Assembly, by the Secretary with sundry papers of a public nature.

Council Chamber 11th January 1783.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen,

A variety of papers received during the administration of the late Governor, have been handed to me and are of such a nature as to require the attention of your Honorable House— I hope the affair of the Indians will engage your *early* attention.

Application made for a passport for the Flag, Schooner St John, to depart this State.

Adjourned till Monday Morning 9 o'Clock.

13th January 1783.

The Board met by adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor.

John Fulton	Jenkin Davis	Esquires
John Elliott	Benjamin Lewis	
Zacharias Fenn	Walton Harris	

Motion made that a Committee be chosen to draw up certain rules and regulations for the government of this Board—when Jenkin Davis, Zacharias Fenn and John Elliott were chosen.

Application of James Weatherford to send by one of the Flags, to East Florida, the children of Martin Weatherford—granted—

Letter from Capt. Lowe praying permission for himself, Mrs &. Miss Tatnall, to remain here till some family concerns were adjusted— was read—

Ordered, That it lay over till to-morrow.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

14th January 1783.

The Board met by adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor.

John Fulton	Zacharias Fenn	Esquires.
John Elliott	Jenkin Davis	
Walton Harris	Benjamin Lewis	

Application Frederic Rolfes, purchasing Agent, for an order to obtain supplies in his department,

ORDERED, That he be furnished with powers and instructions to enable him to procure such supplies.

Copy of the order follows,

SIR,

You are hereby directed and empowered to make diligent exertions in procuring supplies for your department, on account of the public, if the same can be found on any of the amerced estates, you will take such part as you may have occasion for, at the same time giving proper receipts for every such article, and keep a regular account thereof, to be rendered when called for at all times, having special regard not to injure individuals, more than the necessity of the measure lays you under, this order to continue in force until provision shall be made by the House of Assembly, to obtain supplies in some other way and no longer.

D. R. Secy E. C.

John Dollar Esquire attended the Board and qualified, with giving security, as Sheriff for Liberty County.

House of Assembly, January 13th 1783.

The House being informed that a number of Creek and Cherokee Indians have been some time on the Oconee's with a number of negroes, horses and other property, that has been plundered and carried off by the enemies of this State,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to appoint some person or persons, to receive the aforesaid property, deliver it to the proper owners, and to send a talk to said Indians, with some presents proper for the occasion.

That His Honor the Governor be and is hereby authorized to call on the Commissioners of Confiscated and amerced estates, for so much of that property, as may be necessary to purchase goods to the amount of a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds for that purpose.

Extt from the Min.

JNO WILKINSON C. H. A.

Pursuant thereto, the following order issued.

Gentlemen,

His Honor the Governor being authorized by the Honble. House of Assembly, to call on the Commissioners of confiscated and amerced estates, for a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds of such property, for the purposes therein mentioned,

You are therefore requested to furnish, as soon as may be, the said sum to his Honor.

By order of His Honor

D. REES P. Secy

The Commissioners of Confiscated and Amerced Estates.

The letter of Capt. Lowe, laid over from yesterday was taken into consideration

ORDERED, That they be permitted to remain on shore till Sunday next; provided, they give assurance, that in the interim they provide themselves with a Boat or other conveyance to return to St Augustine agreeable to the tenor of their Flag.

Application made by Capt. Cozens, to remain till sunday next, to have his vessel cleaned— Granted—

Adjourned till 3 o'Clock this afternoon.

Letter from George Baillie Junr (son of Ann) addressed to the House of Assembly, accompanied by a resolve of the House, was read— Whereupon,

ORDERED, That the said George Baillie Junr, be permitted to proceed to South Carolina, in order to procure a quantity of corn not exceeding four hundred bushels, for the use only of the said Ann and her family.

Four poor women came from St Augustine in the Flag, Cozens, namely, Mrs. Sizemore, Mrs. Moon, Mrs. Lyons and Mrs. Silk-cock— and prayed to come on shore, they were indulged and permitted to stroll to their former habitations.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

15th January 1783.

The Board met by adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor.

John Fulton	Jenkin Davis	Esqrs.
John Elliott	Zacharias Fenn	

Message from His Honor the Governor to the House of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen;

The papers respecting Indian affairs, which I had the honor of transmitting to your Honorable House a few days past, should be glad to review, and request they may be returned for that purpose as soon as convenient.

John Greene Esqr attended the Board and qualified as Sheriff of the County of Effingham, took the oaths and gave security according to law.

Application made by Higgins, the Pilot, for rations for himself and two men, for thirty days— Granted, he to be accountable for the same.

House of Assembly 15th January 1783.

Letter from Capt. Lowe requesting Mrs. & Miss Tatnall and himself, to remain ten days longer than the time already granted them,

Ordered, That the letter of Mr. Lowe on behalf of himself Mrs. & Miss Tatnall be referred to the Governor and Council with a recommendation, should no inconvenience appear to them arising from the measure, they be permitted to stay the time requested—

Ex. from the min.

Jno Wilkinson C. H. A.

ORDERED, That the request be granted, and that the Secretary do give them such permit.

Sundry accounts from British Merchants, residing in Savannah, for goods supplied the public and army, under convention with General Wayne were examined,

ORDERED thereon, That the same be referred to the Honorable House of Assembly soon as they can be all collected.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

16th January 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

John Fulton	Jenkin Davis	Esqrs.
Benjamin Lewis	Zacharias Fenn	
Walton Harris	John Elliott	

Petition Marjery Haven, Widow, praying for a pass for St Augustine, on her way to Europe, also to carry provision for her family and six or eight barrels rice which she was obliged to take instead of cash, for articles she sold to procure her passage for Ireland— was read—

ORDERED, That a passport be granted Marjory Haven and her family as requested and permit to carry provisions for them —but whether she can be permitted to carry six or eight barrels of rice or not, be referred to the Honoble House of Assembly—

ORDERED, That Mr. Fulton and Mr. Fenn be the Commit-

tee to carry the said petition and order thereon, to the Honorable House of Assembly.

The said Committee returned and reported that they went with said petition and order, but that the House was adjourned for the day.

Board adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Friday 17th January 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

John Fulton	Jenkin Davis	Esquires.
Benjamin Lewis	Zacharias Fenn	
Walton Harris	John Elliott	

The Committee appointed to draw up rules and regulations for the government of this Board, presented the same,

Ordered, That they lay on the table for consideration—

Message to the Honoble. House of Assembly, with the petition and order thereon, of yesterday.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen &C°

We beg leave to acquaint your Honorable House, that having appointed a Clerk, Messenger and Door-keeper to this Board, we request your Honoble. House will be pleased to provide such salaries for them, as shall appear adequate and sufficient to engage them to give constant attendance on us.

Letter from John Wallace, a British Merchant, requesting

permission to go to Charles Town, S° Carolina on business of some consequence was read— Granted—

Adjourned till 10 o'Clock Monday morning—

Message from His Honour the Governor, to the Honble House of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen &C.

I made immediate application to the Commissioners of the Confiscated and Amerced Estates agreeable to your order of the 13th Inst, for the supplies therein mentioned, to procure some presents for the Indians, but not receiving any as yet, must recommend to your Honble. House that a supply some way be procured as soon as possible to enable me to carry into execution your benevolent intention. And as some of the Indians are impatiently waiting at the Oconee, and others expected to arrive daily, and as some time will be necessarily taken up in procuring and conveying to them the intended presents, hope your Honble. House will take this matter into immediate consideration—

Council Chamber 18th January 1783.

Brought by the Messenger of the House.

House of Assembly January 17th 1783.

Message from His Honor the Governor and Executive Council was read.

ORDERED, That the petition of Marjory Haven be referred back, to His Honor the Governor and Council to proceed on as they may judge proper.

ORDERED, that the message from the Council respecting their Clerk, Door-keeper and Messengers salaries be referred to a Committee for the estimation of the respective salaries for the current year.

Extract from the Minutes

JN° WILKINSON C. H. A.

Monday 20th January 1783.

The Board met by adjournment

Present

His Honor the Governor.

John Fulton	Jenkin Davis	Esqrs.
Walton Harris	Zacharias Fenn	

Gerald Byrne in a Flag from St Augustine, came before the Board, produced his papers and interceded to remain as a citizen of this State,

ORDERED, That he must immediately return as mentioned in his Flag, and that he attend this Board to-morrow morning 11 o'Clock.

Brought by the Messenger of the House.

House of Assembly, 20th January 1783.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to call on, and require all and every person or persons who may have in their hands, bonds or other specialties, belonging to this State, on which monies may be due or owing; together with all papers respecting finance, to deliver them to him, and that he

be requested to lay a state thereof, before this House, on or before Monday next.

Ext. from the minutes

Jn° Wilkinson C. H. A.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

21st January 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jenkin Davis	John Fulton	Esquires.
Zacharias Fenn	Walton Harris	
James Bryan		

Message from His Honor the Governor, to the Honble. House of Assembly, by the Secretary to the Ex. C.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen,

A letter yesterday received from His Excellency Genl Greene, I take the liberty of laying before your Honorable House, and as it contains excellent observations on the present particular situation of this State, considered in a Military view, pointing out some valuable regulations for our defence and security; and also, as it recommends, with propriety, the necessity of immediate supplies for the army, hope, it will meet with that attention, which those important objects require.

Council Chamber 21st January 1783.

In Council, Savannah 21st January 1783.

Whereas, the Honorable House of Assembly on the 20th in-

stant, did resolve that His Honor the Governor be requested to call on and require all and every person or persons, who may have in their hands, bonds or other specialties, belonging to this State, on which monies may be due or owing, together with all papers respecting finance, to deliver them to him, and that he be requested to lay a state of them before their House, on or before Monday next.

ORDERED, That all and every person or persons, having in their hands, such bonds, specialties or papers respecting finance do forthwith deliver or cause the same to be delivered to his Honor the Governor, thereby enabling him to comply with the said resolve.

N. B. This notice was put up at sundry places.

Mr. Bryan and Mr. Harris a Committee carried the accounts of sundry British Merchants to the Honorable House of Assembly, and returned.

Captn John Howell, commanding the Galley, Sailors Delight, came into Council and informs that last Friday night, being near the place called *Dowboy,* one of the southern inlets of this State, he brought to a boat, from the people of which, he learned that a number of armed boats were actually fitting out at St Augustine to be man'd with negroes and tory refugees, intended to infest the coasts of Georgia and South Carolina, to plunder and procure provision which they said was very scarce in Florida;— These boats were to be under convoy of an armed Sloop of sixteen guns, commanded by one Hood, And that he was informed, that provisions were frequently transported from the southern parts of this State to East-Florida, under pretence of Flags or otherwise—

House of Assembly January 11th 1783.

On motion,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to

immediately prepare and send a talk to the kings and beloved men of the Creek and Cherokee nations and inform them that it is the desire of this State to meet them in a Congress at the *Big Shoals* on the Oconees, on the first day of May next, in order to demand a cession of land as a consideration or attonement for the many injuries; and to renew our treaty of peace and friendship with them; and to negociate such other matters, as may be consistent with the safety and interest of all parties.—

And whereas, it will be expedient and necessary that Commissioners be appointed by this House, to join His Honor the Governor or any person or persons by him appointed to attend the said Congress of Indians—

Therefore,

RESOLVED, That this House will proceed to the appointment of such Commissioners on Monday next. . . . . .

Ext. from the Minutes

JOHN WILKINSON C. H. A.

Motion made and seconded, that a Committee be appointed to re-consider the resolve of Saturday last, being the 11th, respecting a cession of lands from the Indians; that such Committee do report the number of Commissioners necessary, and the mode of appointment—

The Committee appointed to re-consider the resolves of Saturday last, respecting Indian Affairs made a report; which, after some amendments, was agreed to and is as follows.

That it is the opinion, that the number of the Commissioners to be appointed are seven, and that they be appointed by this House, and that any five of them or more, together with His Honor the Governor, in case of emergencies of the State will admit of his being present, shall constitute a Board, vested with full power and authority on the part of this State, to treat,

confer, and agree with the aforesaid Indian Nations, on all matters relative to a cession of a claim of land, and to negociate and agree on such other matters and things as may be conducive to the mutual interest and safety of all parties. And your Committee are of opinion, that the time for holding the said Congress is too distant and they apprehend, that the fifteenth day of March next be the time of holding the said Congress.

Ext. J. Wilkinson.

In Council, Savannah 21st January 1783.

Whereas, it has been represented to this Board, that permitting British Officers to be at large in this State, at this juncture, may be of dangerous tendency, whereupon,

Resolved, That Capt. Lowe, who came in a Flag, commanded by a certain Gregory Cozens, from East-Florida, be limited to the plantation whereon John Mulryne now resides, thereon to remain till it may appear consistent with good policy to enlarge his bounds; And that the Commissary of prisoners be requested to acquaint him immediately therewith.

Message from His Honor the Governor to the House of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen,

Having reeceived the following information from Capt Howell, I thought it necessary to lay it before your Honorable House, that the earliest opportunity may be embraced, to provide against any plundering boats, that may be designed to infest the coast. If the information received by Capt Howell, from the people of the Boat, was true, it ought to rouse our attention to provide for our safety. If false, *at that time,* still, from the accounts daily received, of the great scarcity of provisions to the southward, we have reason to fear, that an attempt of a similar nature, may be soon framed against us. So that in either case, I think, if the State can provide a Galley, or some suitable armed

vessel, to protect our coasts, it may be a means of preventing any attempts to annoy us.

Council Chamber
21st January 1783.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

22nd January 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

John Fulton	Jenkin Davis	Esquires
Walton Harris	Zacharias Fenn	
James Bryan		

House of Assembly 21st January 1783.

The House proceeded to ballot for Commissioners to hold a Congress with the Creek and Cherokee Indians, when counting the ballots, General McIntosh, General Twiggs, Colonel Clark, Colonel William Few, Edward Telfair Esq., Colonel John Martin, and General Elbert were declared duly elected.

Ext. &C.

JOHN WILKINSON C. H. A.

Application Ann Stuart, to go to St Augustine on private business—Granted—

Application, Rachel Hover to go to St Augustine on private business—Granted—

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10. o'Clock.

Thursday 23rd January 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jenkin Davis Zacharias Fenn James Bryan	John Fulton Walton Harris	Esquires

Message from His Honor the Governor to the Honble. House of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen &C.

Application has been made to me to order supplies for the Continental Battalion and other troops in this State, and a proposal of obtaining such supplies by exchanging negroes, belonging to the State for the same, as the demand is pressing, must recommend it to your Honorable House to take this matter under immediate consideration.

Council Chamber
Savh 23rd Jany. 1783.

Adjourned till 4 o'Clock P. M.

Petition of Cornelius Collins, setting forth that he had given his private note for sixty bushels wheat, obtained for, and appropriated to the public use, whilst on duty in this State.

Ordered, That the consideartion thereof be postponed.

House of Assembly 23d January 1783.

Whereas, there is an absolute necessity to procure provisions for the Continental Troops now on duty in this State,

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be empowered to enter into such contracts for that purposee as may be thought advantageous. And that he be further empowered to call on the Commissioners of forfeited estates for two negroes to fulfil such engagements.

Ex^{t} from the Min.

JOHN WILKINSON C. H. A.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

Friday 24th January 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jenkin Davis	Zacharias Fenn	Esqrs.
Walton Harris	James Bryan	

Sundry applications being made respecting the restrictions of the 20th instant laid on Capt Lowe

ORDERED, That the same be taken off.

Application of Joel Walker to go to St Augustine in the Flag, Schooner Felecity, to recover some debts and look for some of his negroes—Granted.

House of Assembly 23^{d} January 1783.

That a Committee be appointed to confer with His Honor the Governor on the subject of his Message to this House, of the 21st instant and that Mr. Telfair, Mr. Clay, and Mr. John Houstoun be the Committee for the above purpose.

JOHN WILKINSON C. H. A.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Savannah 25th January 1783.

Three of the Members gave their attendance and adjourned till Monday Morning 10 o'Clock.

House of Assembly 25th January 1783.

By a Committee.

A Bill for taking the name of William Stephens from and out of the amercement law of this State; and for restoring him to all the rights, priviledges and immunities of a free Citizen, was read the second time,

ORDERED, That the said bill be sent to the Executive Council for their perusal and advice, and that Mr. Fort and Mr. John Andrew; be a Committee to wait on them with the same.

Ext. from the Min.

JOHN WILKINSON C. H. A.

Monday 27th January 1783.

Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Jenkin Davis	Walton Harris	Esquires—
Zacharias Fenn	John Fulton	
James Bryan	James Stuart	

Application of William Thompson, a British Merchant to go to St Augustine by the Flag, Schooner Felicity, to transact some

business and return by the said vessel or the next opportunity—was read—Granted.

Petition of George Barnes, praying permission to go to St Augustine, with the Flag, Schooner Felicity, and to carry his family, three negroes, his baggage and provisions necessary for the passage was read.

ORDERED, That the same be referred to the Honble House of Assembly, respecting carrying away the negroes

The Board proceeded to the choice of a President, when on summong up the ballots, the Honble. Jenkin Davis Esq. was found to be, by a large Majority, duly elected.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Savannah 28th January 1783.

The Board met,

Present

Honble Jenkin Davis Esqr President

John Fulton,	James Bryan	Esqrs.
Zacharias Fenn	Walton Harris	

Petition of William Barton, George Luscomb, Thomas Woods, prisoners, belonging to the British; and Henry Crofts, late prisoner but now exchanged, on their parole and going to St Augustine, praying to be allowed some rations to subsist on whilst here, and on their way thither

ORDERED, That the Commissary of prisoners do furnish them with ten days rations for the above purpose, and that the Commissary of Prisoners do cause the same to be charged to account of rations supplied the British.

Present, His Honor the Governor, 4 o'Clock P. M.

Application of Col° S. Johnston, for three bushels salt, to be delivered Capt. Lanier for public use—Granted—He to account how the same is appropriated. also, requesting that he could have Philip Mensey, Joseph Dawtry, and Parris Simms, to go up with the said Lanier, on the same purpose they went up on heretofore, as it is dangerous for him to go up alone—

ORDERED, That the Commanding Officer be requested to let the said three men go up with Capt. Lanier, for the above purpose.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Savannah 29th January 1783.

The Board met,

Present

The Honble. Jenkin Davis Esq. President

John Fulton	Zacharias Fenn	Esquires
Walton Harris	James Stuart	

The Committee appointed to draw up rules and regulations for the future government of this Board,

Report,

That they had drawn up the same, which being read, paragraph by paragraph, were unanimously agreed to by the Board, and are as follows—to wit,

1.—Every Member to attend at the time of adjournment or forfeit, for every quarter of an hour after till he attends, the

sum of two shillings and four pence, specie, valuing the dollar at 4/8. without a reasonable excuse offered to, and accepted of by the Board.

2.—When His Honor the Governor takes the Chair, every Member to take his seat uncovered.

3.—Any member speaking on a subject to address himself to the Chair, standing and not be interrupted by any other Member.

4.—No member to speak on any one subject, more than twice, without first obtaining special permission for that purpose.

5.—No member to absent himself, without first obtaining leave, under the forfeiture of two shillings and four pence money aforesaid.

6.—Any member making use of indiscreet or unbecoming language whilst at the Board to forfeit one dollar specie—

7.—Any member coming into Council drunk, to forfeit one dollar specie.

8.—All and singular the above fines and forfeitures to be paid into the hands of the Secretary of the Board for their use, and that as soon as they become due—

Col° Clark produced to the Board a certificate from Capt. S. Alexander, setting forth that himself, Capt Heard and Capt Beckcom, had enroled in their companies of riflemen, forty four privates, and that they had marched them down near Savannah, where they joined General Wayne, agreeable to a Resolve of the Honorable House of Assembly; passed at Augusta 23rd April 1782. A certificate accompanied the same by Col° Clark aforesaid they were brought to the field and served under General Wayne during his stay in Georgia. On which the Board are of opinion that there ought to be produced a regular *Pay Roll* of the same, with the names particulary of every man, the time of their enlistment and discharge respectively.

ORDERED, That the same be referred to the Honorable House of Assembly.

Joseph Austin acquainted the Board, that a certain Capt. Hooten and his plundering crew, carried him to Kilkenny, where they hauled up their Boat to repair her, from which place he made his escape on Monday night last; he heard them say they intended to proceed to Crooked River, with intent to rob one Jackson there.

A. Bill brought from the Honorable House of Assembly by a Committee, entitled "An act for taking William Stephens from and out of the amercement law and restoring him to all rights and priviledges, liberties and immunities of a free citizen" was read and approved of.

ORDERED, That Mr. Fulton and Mr. Stuart be a Committee to carry back the said bill.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Savannah 30th January 1783.

Present

Honorable Jenkin Davis Esquire President

Walton Harris	Zacharias Fenn	Esquires—
John Fulton	James Bryan	
James Stuart		

Petition of Nathan Holden to be considered as a citizen of this State and to bring in with him certain negroes purchased of James Butler, previous to the evacuation of Savannah, also to have assurance from this Board, that the same shall not be liable to seizure and confiscation—was read—Granted.

Message from His Honor the Governor to the Honble House of Assembly.

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen,

A state of such bonds and specialties as I have been able to obtain, in consequence of your resolve of the 20th instant, is herewith transmitted your Honble. House—also a letter received from Mr. Rae, superintendent of Indian Affairs; which, I would recommend to your consideration— The Indians already arrived are numerous; more, with the Talasee King are daily expected; consequently considerable supplies of provisions will be wanted to support them, till they can be properly dismissed; I have directed Mr. Rae to take a particular description of the property they have, or may deliver; and wish some further regulations might be pointed out, respecting the necessary supply, and the disposition of the property—I have further to recommend to your Honorable House; to fix on the most convenient places for stationing the Dragoons ordered by Genereal Greene for our defence, and also the necessary supplies. I am informed twenty of them are already arrived in this Town, and as many more on their way and now waiting for directions to what places they shall repair—Hope you will take this matter into your immediate consideration.

I have also received certain intelligence of two Galleys of the enemy being below cockspur, yesterday evening and of their having captured two Schooners & several boats, in consequence of which, I have engaged Capt. Howell with his Galley and men, and with volunteers from on Board several vessels in the river; and also a detachment of a Captain and twenty men from the Continental line, with an armed boat to go in pursuit of the enemy. On this occasion I have given Capt Howell an assurance, that his Galley shall be on the risque of the State, and payment to be made him, for the necessary supplies, till he returns—Hope this will meet your approbation and concurrence.

House of Assembly 30th January 1783.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to inform the Commanding Officer of the Continental Troops; that it is the pleasure of this House, that the twenty dragoons on their way to this State, take the best rout to the Town of Augusta in this State, to wait such orders as they may from time to time receive.

RESOLVED, That this House do approve of the Governors engagement with Capt. Howell, that his Galley, be at the risque of the State; and that he be allowed for the expences and necessary supplies on this occasion.

Ext from the Min.

(signed) JOHN WILKINSON C. H. A.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

31st January 1783.

The Board met,

Present

Honble. Jenkin Davis Esq. President

John Fulton	James Stuart	Esqrs.
James Bryan	Zacharias Fenn	
Walton Harris		

WHEREAS, it is highly necessary for the preservation of good order and the internal police of this State, that due attention and respect be paid by every officer of Flags of Truce, and all other persons coming in such, from St Augustine or any other Port or Harbour of the enemy.

It is ordered, That from and after the day and date hereof, no Flag of Truce, or vessel whatever, coming as such shall, on any pretence whatever, presume to come up the river Savannah, above the Fort, without special permission first had and obtained for that purpose, from His Honor the Governor and Commander in Chief for the time being, or the Executive Council, or from some other person, by him for that purpose authorized.

That no person whatever, Captain or Passenger coming on such Flag, or Vessel, presume, on any pretence whatever, to quit the same, or come on shore without permission as aforesaid be first had and obtained for that purpose.

That all letters, or other papers brought in such Flag or Vessel be immediately sent to His Honor the Governor, and the Executive Council, the Commanding Officer of the Military, or to some other person, by him or them for that purpose appointed; and by every such person so appointed immediately to be transmitted to His Honor the Governor and the Executive Council.

That on any person or persons coming in such Flag or Vessel, and refusing to deliver all such letters or papers as aforesaid the Officer at the Fort, for the day, and the Commissary of Prisoners or either of them, are hereby empowered and required to enter on board every such vessel, and there to make diligent and strict enquiry and search for the same. And every such person, coming in any such Flag or Flags as aforesaid, that shall be found in the practice of such non delivery or concealment of letters or other papers is hereby deemed, and shall be held, unworthy of any indulgence from this Board.

That all Flags &C. to undergo the like search and examination for letters &C. at their quitting this State. and that no letter be suffered to go, or be put on board any such Flag, without being first produced to His Honor the Governor or Executive Council, any person whatever coming under the above description, and shall contemptuously or otherwise presume to do or

cause to be done, anything contrary to this order shall be immediately taken and put into close confinement, where he, she or they shall remain untill released by order of His Honor the Governor or Executive Council.

That this order is meant to extend to all and singular the Ports, Harbours, Inlets and Creeks, within this State, as far as the distance and situation of such place or places respectively admit of

ORDERED, that the military Commanding Officer of the Garrison, the Commissary of Prisoners, and the Collector for the Port of Sunbury in the County of Liberty be respectively served with a copy hereof, which they are hereby requested and enjoined to see put in strict execution.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this Board, that a certain Gregory Cozens, sometime since in a Flag from St Augustine, commanding the same, hath, contrary to the intent and meaning of his Flag, refused to return to St Augustine aforesaid, but in direct violation of such, and the general tenor of Flags, proceeded to enter into traffic with one or more of the British Merchants. And further, that he the said Gregory Cozens, hath, without any license or permission, solicited or obtained from this Board, the Honorable House of Assembly or any other power, competent to grant the same presumed to make sale of the said Flag, called, "the Good Intent;" to some one or more of the British Merchants aforesaid, thereby incapacitating himself to return as it is pretended. Therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Gregory Cozens, do and shall depart this State in the Flag, that shall first proceed for St Augustine aforesaid. And that the Commissary of Prisoners do acquaint him therewith.

Memorial of Andrew Burnes, respecting a bond given in the year 1782. to a Mr. —— Smith and mislaid, praying, that on his deposition of knowing of said bond, as to where it was or

might be, another might be filled up to the same purpose—was read—

ORDERED, to lay over till further search be made for the original.

Benjamin Lanier, Theophilus Lundy and John McKenzie qualified as justices for the County of Effingham.

Samuel Stirk Esquire, Attorney General being sent for attended the Board, and gave as his opinion that the Sloop Good Intent, whereof Gregory Cozens was late Master, is liable to seizure and confiscation.

Daniel McMurphy attend the Council and qualified as Register of Probates for the County of Burke.

The Board adjourned till Monday next 10 o'Clock.

3d February 1783.

The Board met, and adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Message from His Honor the Governor to the H. A.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen &C.

The repeated applications made to respecting the want of supplies for the support of the Continental Troops in this Town, induces me again to recommend to your Honorable House that some mode may be pointed out for their speedy relief as it may prevent their pilfering under the severe laws of necessity which I am informed has been the case to the injury of some of our good citizens. And that some suitable person or persons may be appointed to furnish the proper supplies for the detachment of Dragoons ordered to Augusta and the mode of procuring such supplies.

I have also, to recommend to your Honorable House the petition of Mr. Henderson, herewith preferred; He has just arrived and as I am desirous he may speedily return, to go forward to the Creek-Nation with a talk, inviting them down to our intended General Congress, and to carry dispatches to the Superintendant, Mr. Rae, in answer to those received and herewith sent you; I beg leave to request your Honorable House to take his petition into your immediate consideration. And also to make some provision for Mr. Cozens, who accompanies him in his journey to the Nation.

Council Chamber Savannah,
3d February 1783

Tuesday 4th February 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

James Stuart	James Bryan	Esqrs.
Zacharias Fenn	Walton Harris	

John Lawson Junr attended and qualified as Collector for the Port of Sunbury.

Petition J. Carney to go to E. Florida with J. Holden was read and granted.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock—

Wednesday 5th February 1783.

The Board met,

Present

Honorable Jenkin Davis Esq. Presidt

James Bryan	James Stuart	Esqrs.
Walton Harris	Zacharias Fenn	

Message from His Honor the Governor to the H. A.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen &C.

A letter received from His Excellency Governor Tonyn, is herewith transmitted your Honorable House, containing a requisition of so important a nature, that I must request that you will take the same into your deliberate consideration and come to such resolutions thereon as may enable me to return an answer consistent with the safety, interest and honor of the State. I have further to recommend to your Honorable House the consideration of some immediate payment to Mr. Henderson and Cousins to enable them to return and proceed to the Creek Nation soon as may be.

Council Chamber

House of Assembly Feby 4th 1783.

Ordered, That the Clerk do transmit to His Honor the Governor, a list of the Civil Officers, appointed for the present year, And that His Honor be requested to make official communication to them in order that they may qualify according to the Constitution.

House of Assembly January 31st 1783.

The House proceeded to the election of the several civil officers for the present year, when the following were chosen; viz,

George Walton, Chief Justice; Samuel Stirk, Attorney General; John Martin Treasurer; John Milton, Secretary; Richard Call, Surveyor General; Joseph Woodruff, Collector for the Town and Port of Savannah; John Lawson Junr, Collector for the Town and Port of Sunbury; George Jones, Register of Probates for the County of Chatham; Benjamin Heard, for the County of Wilkes; John Appling, for Richmond County; Daniel McMurphy, for Burke County; Theophilus Lundy, for Effingham County; and Thomas Baker, for Liberty County.

Ex^{t} from

J. Wilkinson C. H. A.

House of Assembly 4th February 1783.

Resolved, That as whereas it appears that the inhabitants of Liberty County, who have lately returned to their habitations, since the restoration of American Government, labor under the greatest distress for the want of grain of every sort for the support of themselves and their families; and as it is a duty incumbent on all wise Governments, to contribute to the releif and maintenance of their citizens by all just means in their power.

Resolved, That His Honor the Governor be authorized and empowered to contract for, and procure two hundred bushels of rice, for the use of the inhabitants of Liberty County; they to be accountable; And for this purpose, to apply any part of any property, real or personal, vested in the State, in payment of said rice.

Ex^{t} from the Minutes

J. Wilkinson C. H. A.

His Honor the Governor, in Council.

The Honorable George Walton Esq. attended the Board and qualified as Cheif Justice for this State, agreeable to a resolve of the Honorable the House of Assembly, and in conformity to the Constitution.

Adjourned to morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

February 6th 1783.

The Board met,

Application made by Margaret Clarendon to go to Charleston Granted

Application made by Marjory Spalding, to go to E. Florida—Granted.

Application made by Peter Duboy to go to Chas Town—Granted.

A bill was brought from the Honorable House of Assembly entitled "A bill for the releif of sundry poor and indigent persons" some days since by Mr. Benjamin Andrew and Mr. Alexander, but as it was generally unintelligible, it was sent back by Mr. Stuart and Mr. Harris, a Committee.

House of Assembly Feby 5th 1783.

The Committee appointed to confer with His Honor the Governor respecting the purchasing Capt Howell's Galley report, which was agreed to.

They have conferred with His Honor respecting the same, and they recommend to the House, that His Honor the Governor be empowered to purchase the said Galley, with her guns, tackles, furniture, Boats &C. for the use and on account of this State, for a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, sterling, and thereafter to officer, man and contract with some person for the finding of the said Galley on public account and to cause her to be employed in such manner, and for such purposes as His Honor the Governor may judge most conducive to the security of the commerce of this State, and the protection of the Islands and inlets within the same. Your Committee further

Report, That it appears to them, there are bills of exchange belonging to this State, in the hands of the late Governor, drawn

by an order of Congress on the Minister Plenipotentiary at Versailles, to the amount of eighteen dollars; and they recommend that His Honor the Governor be authorized to obtain the said Bills and appropriate them towards the purchase of this Galley, as far as the same will go, and for the ballance, as well as for the necessary expenditure for Bounty provisions, and other matters respecting the said Galley from time to time, His Honor the Governor be empowered to draw on the Treasury of this State or to apply any public monies for that purpose.

Extract from the minutes

J. Wilkinson C. H. A.

Application James Walsh to go to East Florida—Granted.

Copy of an order to Mr. Josiah Powell.

Sir,

Agreeable to the resolve of the Honorable House of Assembly authorizing me to contract for, and procure two hundred barrels rice, for the use of the inhabitants of Liberty County they to be accountable; and to apply a sufficient part of any property real or personal, vested in this State for payment of s^d^ rice; I hereby authorize and empower you, in my stead to contract for, and procure the quantity of rice above mentioned assuring the person or persons you may purchase of, that I will, as far as in me lies, comply with the said resolves.

Sir,

Your ob^t^ & humble Servt

Josiah Powell Esqr

(signed) L. Hall.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Friday 7th February 1783.

The Board met,

Present

The Honorable Jenkin Davis, Esq; President

Zacharias Fenn	Walton Harris	Esqs
James Stuart	James Bryan	

A bill to bring in a bill for empowering a less number of Commissioners to be a board, than is mentioned in the Act passed at Augusta the 4th May 1782. for inflicting penalties on, and confiscating the Estates of such persons as have been guilty of Treason against this State, and for other purposes therein mentioned, brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Few and Mr. Johnson—was read—

Ordered, That Mr. Fenn, and Mr. Harris be a Committee to return the said bill without any amendment.

Bill for the relief of helpless orphans, widows and other indigent persons, was brought—

Ordered, to be returned with some amendment.

Bill fixing the depreciation to one standard—was read.

Bill to enable Commissioners to build a Court House and Jail, and establish a Town in the County of Richmond—was read.

Bill for building and repairing Court Houses and Jails in the several Counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read.

Ordered, That Mr. Fenn and Mr. Bryan be a Committee to carry back said bills.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

8th February 1783.

The Board met,

Present

The Honorable Jenkin Davis Esq. President.

James Stuart	Walton Harris	Esqrs
Zacharias Fenn	James Bryan	

As the Honble. House of Assembly were in a Committee of the whole House yesterday, when Mr. Bryan and Mr. Fenn, a Committee from this Board, carried several bills to them,

Ordered, That they be returned by Mr. Fenn and Mr. Harris, a Committee.

Application made by Patrick Crookshanks, for John Conir to go to St John, East Florida, with Tobacco—Granted—

John Jones attended the Board and qualified as Magistrate for Burke.

Application made by Capt Lowe for a Flag and passport for himself, Mrs & Miss Tatnall, in an open boat with six hands for St Augustine, & Mrs Tatnalls servant. also permission to put on board, Capt. Cozens, some poultry and other stores with their baggage, was read, and in part, Granted.

Application of Richard Henderson and William Cousins, that their tavern expences whilst in Town should be defrayed by this Board, they to be hereafter accountable was read—Amount £8. 5. 4—Assump. Granted.

George Jones attended the Board and qualified as Register of Probates, for the County of Chatham.

Bill to point out a mode for the recovery of property unlaw-

fully acquired under the British usurpation and withheld from the rightfull owners, and for other purposes therein mentioned, brought from the Hon House of Assembly by a Committee, Mr. Johnson & Mr. Lundy—was read.

ORDERED, That Mr. Harris and Mr. Bryan be a Commitee to return the same without any amendment.

Application made by Col° Clarke to go to East-Florida, to recover sundry horses plundered from him, and permission to put on board fifteen barrels rice to defray the expences attending thereon—Granted.

Application made by His Honor, Lyman Hall Esquire, to be permitted to ship, for East-Florida by Capt Cozens, a Flag six barrels rice to defray the charges attending the recovery of some negroes, plundered from him and carried thither—Granted.

Application Meredith Davis, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Spalding to proceed to East-Florida. Granted.

WHEREAS sufficient reason hath been rendered this Board to evince the illegal practice of shipping off provisions and other articles in the several Flags of Truce, and other vessels frequenting this Port and Harbour, contrary to the tenor of Flags of Truce, the customs and usages of Nations in such cases, and the express permission and directions of the Executive authority of this State. Therefore,

ORDERED, That from and after the day and date hereof any Master of a Flag of Truce, or passenger going therein, or any other person or persons whatever, who shall, contrary as aforesaid, ship or put on board any Flag or Flags of Truce, or other vessel going as such or otherwise, from this Port or Harbour to any other Port or Harbour; or cause or suffer to be put on board any such Flag or vessel as aforesaid any manner or kind of provision or produce, otherwise than what is expressly and particularly mentioned and set forth in the Flag passport or other

permission obtained for such Flag or Flags of Truce, or other vessel as aforementioned, from his Honor the Governor, and Commander in Cheif for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, the same and every part and parcel thereof, shall be and is hereby declared to be liable to seizure and confiscation the appropriation thereof to be hereafter pointed out—

It is further ordered, That the Collectors for the Ports and Harbours of Savannah and Sunbury respectively be hereby empowered and required to make diligent and strict enquiry and search for the purpose aforesaid on board every such vessel as above mentioned; and all and every such article of whatever kind not expressly mentioned in such permission obtained as above directed the said Collectors or either of them within their respective limits and jurisdictions, their deputy or deputies may immediately and they are hereby required and enjoined, without further directions or instructions, to seize on, and into his and their custody and possession take, making a regular return thereof to His Honor the Governor and Executive Council soon as possible after such seizure shall be made, that the same may be further dealt with as to law and equity shall appertain.

Ordered, That the Secretary of this Board to serve or cause to be served Joseph Woodruff and John Lawson Junr Esq^{rs} with a copy hereof.

Board adjourned till monday morning 10 o'Clock.—

Monday 10th February 1783.

The Board met,

Present

The Honorable Jenkin Davis Esq. President.

John Fulton	Walton Harris	Esqs
Zacharias Fenn	James Bryan	

George Smith, his wife and three children and one negroe boy, Adam Smith, Nicholas Harter, David Hungerpuhler, a wife and one child, and John Hungerpuhler came from Nassau and begged permission to pass to the four holes in South Carolina, near which they formerly resided. Granted.

Ordered, That Mr. Frederic Rolfes do forthwith transmit an account of the expenditure of the public salt, the quantity on hand &C. &C.

Message from His Honor the Governor to the Honble. House of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen &C.

Agreeable to your resolve 23d ult° I have frequently called on the Commissioners of confiscated and amerced estates, but not being as yet furnished with the negroes mentioned in said resolve, have not been able to fix a contract for the necessary supplies. The troops in this Town are now again destitute of provisions, and the detachments of Dragoons ordered to Augusta in the same situation—I have to request your Honorable House will take both these cases into consideration and direct in what manner they may be supplied—I have further to recommend to your Honorable House the appointment of a Member to take his seat at the Council Board in room of Charles Crawford Esq. of Richmond County resigned. And also a Member for Wilkes

County instead of James Little Esq. who has not taken his seat in your Honorable House—and that a suitable provision may be made for the support of the Honorable the Executive Council.

Council Chamber Sav^{h} }
10th February 1783. }

Application Capt Lowe —— Murphy and Mr. Andrew M^{c}-Lean to go to East Florida.

House of Assembly 5th February 1783.

Resolved, That His Honor the Governor be requested to recommend to the Commanding Officer of the Continental Troops, doing duty in this State, to establish a small command on the Island of Cock-Spur, or such other place as will best protect the Port and Harbour of Savannah; and that if it shall be found necessary to erect any small works for the better effecting the security of the said Port and Harbour; that His Honor the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council be and they are hereby empowered to cause the said works to be erected and to take such other measures as they may find necessary to complete the same. And as it will be necessary to have some iron cannon to mount at the said battery, as well as at other places, that His Honor the Governor be empowered and required to contract and agree with any person or persons whatever, for the importing and bringing in for the use of this State, four eighteen or twenty four pounders together with a quantity, not exceeding two tons of cannon, and two tons of musket powder, with a proportionate quantity of shot for the said guns, and also a sufficient quantity of lead, and this House will provide a sum sufficient for the said purposes.

Resolved, That His Honor the Governor be empowered and required to inform the Commanding Officer of the Continental Troops, that twenty dragoons late from the State of South Carolina, are intended to occupy a post at or near Meazles Ferry on Ogechee, and that it is the wish of this House they hold them-

selves in readiness for that purpose. And that His Honor the Governor be empowered and required to draw supplies of forage and provisions in such manner as may prove least burthensome to the inhabitants, for the purpose of Continental supplies, untill contracts and better modes can be regularly made and provided.

Ext.

(signed) JOHN WILKINSON C. H. A.

Davis and Joseph Austin, of their own free will and accord voluntarily attended the Board, took and subscribed the oath of allegiance to this State, &C. &C.

Lieut. Col° Cooper applied to the Board for thirty pair of pistols for the use of the militia, under his command; and a sufficiency of flints for the same,

ORDERED, That the same be granted—say 30 pr. pistols 120. flints.

Council having examined the several persons sent by the Attorney General; amongst them a certain Richard Collet was examined—whereupon,

ORDERED, That the Attorney General be empowered and required to deal with him as to justice shall appertain.

(Copy) House of Assembly 25th July 1782.

RESOLVED, that the Governor be requested to order any of the public stores or arms belonging to the State, to be removed to any place that may be necessary, and made such use of as he, with the advice of his Council may be of opinion, that the exigencies and defence of the State may require.

A true copy.

(signed) JOHN WILKINSON.

Message from His Honor the Governor to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen &C.

As some doubts have arisen respecting the extent of the gratuity, ordered by the Honorable House of Assembly, by their resolve of the first May 1782. to the Officers who composed the line of the State on the establishment of the United States, and as no regular return hath been made of such Officers, must request your Hon. House will decide whether the Officers, who were deranged at the time of passing s^d resolve are entitled to receive the said gratuity and whether the Officers of the Dragoons, and widows of Officers composing the line at that time (since deceased) shall be entitled likewise—

Adjourned till 10 o'Clock to-morrow morning.

11th February 1783.

The Board met,

Present

Honorable Jenkin Davis Esqr President

John Fulton	John Elliott	Esqr^s
Walton Harris	James Bryan	
Zacharias Fenn		

Application Thomas Palmer to go to St John's E. F.—Granted.

Council taking into consideration a resolve of the 5th instant respecting sending twenty men (Dragoons) to Meazles Ferry on Ogechee, and the ways and means for supplying the same with provisions &C.

Ordered, That Mr. Chesley Bostick, at Augusta, and Mr. Meazles, on Ogechee be engaged to provide the necessary supplies for the same, in consequence whereof the following order was wrote them, viz,

Sir,

You are by advice and consent of the Honble Executive Council, hereby authorized and empowered, as agent to contract for, and supply the detachment of Dragoons, which are ordered to be stationed at Augusta, on the best terms you can possibly; for the benefit of the State and in such manner as may prove least burthensome to the inhabitants and it will also be your duty to supply forage as well as provisions, and charge the whole the State.

Sir, Yours &C.

(Signed) L. H.

Mr. Chesley Bostwick.

N. B. a similar one sent to Theophilus Lundy—Briar Creek.

Bill brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Few, entitled "A bill for opening the land office, and for other purposes therein mentioned" was read, and ordered to lay on the table for further consideration—

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Wednesday 12th February 1785.

The Board met

Present

Honorable Jenkin Davis Esqr President.

John Fulton	Walton Harris	Esqrs
John Elliott	Zacharias Fenn	

The bill for opening the land Office &c was again taken into consideration—and

ORDERED, That with the following amendments it be returned by Mr. Elliott and Mr. Fenn.

Proposed amendments to the land bill &c

First . . . As it is a well known fact, that the unlocated lands, now remaining within the present boundaries of this State, is poor refuse land; that the Inhabitants of this Country do not think worth applying for, consequently, the idea will be communicated to intended comers from other States, and thereby defeat the desired and wished for advantages resulting to this Country by emigration; For they will say, and very naturally, that if they must purchase barren heaths and dreary wastes they may as well brave their few pence in the Country where they at present reside in; from which, and other considerations, it is our opinion and advice that such of the unlocated lands as are in the present boundaries of this State, be *generously given* to all such adventurers who will come and accept of them. And for that purpose, that the clause respecting purchasing &c. be omitted, as tending obviously to render null and void the intention of holding out encouragement to migrators—

Secondly . . . We advise and recommend a total change or abolishing of fourth paragraph; as it now appears to us *unprecedented, impolitic* and *unjust*— *Unprecedented,* as such method of appointing County Surveyors yearly and every year, hath not been known or made use of in our land, but if this must be the case, let the County Surveyors be chosen during good behaviour and not yearly— Nor hath the mode of obtaining warrants &C. for land, in the manner therein pointed out been the custom of any of our neighboring States. *Impolitic,* as it will involve the Grantees or Proprietors in innumerable perplexities and expences unnecessarily accumulated by being necessitated to run thro' so many offices; every one of which, will, probably, cost the persons applying, severally, as much as the former and accustomed mode of obtaining warrants &C. altogether; and *Unjust,* as it is calculated to obliberate, even the shadow of an equal representation

from the inhabitants of this State, in ordering warrants to be issued from each County for land, to the manifest injury of the inhabitants in general, being distant from where the lands, so to be granted, are, by giving in effect all the good and valuable lands in this State, and to which every, the most distant citizen thereof has just and equal claim to the disposal of, *to a few,* to wit, the inhabitants of such particular County * * * * * * the partiality intended by this mode is strikingly obvious, and ought to rouse the the most humble citizen. Those great and invaluable sources of wealth are, by that paragraph, without the consent and advice of the representatives in general, who are the true, and only proprietors, to be given and disposed of, at the will and pleasure of the Justices of of that County, or a majority of them, thereby shutting out all the other inhabitants of the state; or at best giving them only the refusals after the particular inhabitants of the said County, or their next neighbours are satisfied with the fat of the soil.

By this paragraph also, the right of disposing of our property, only by the consent of ourselves, or our legal representatives, is snatched away from every free man of this state; except the Counties aforesaid, and the invaluable and inherent priviledges of being represented in the hearing and determining all caveats, wherein the Inhabitants of the Easternmost and Southernmost Counties, ought in justice and equity to be fully and impartially represented; the inhabitants of all the central and lowest Counties will be as mere cyphers in the disposal of their own property, even denied a voice in the most consequently great and important concerns of the State. For remedy whereof, we do recommend, on the strength of the said reasonings, that the clause of paragraph for selling the unlocated lands, within the present boundaries of this State be repealed; and that the mode of obtaining lands by warrants &C. be as heretofore had in like cases; or that a Court be appointed for the express purpose of receiving petitions for land, granting of warrants, hearing of caveats &c. to be composed of one member out of each County, to be, if necessary

added to the Executive Council; and that they, or a majority of the said Court so to be composed, shall be deemed competent to exercise all the powers relative to the land office for the purpose aforesaid.

And Whereas, in the 9th paragraph it is provided for, and ordered that any person being entitled, on the 29th day of December 1778, by any law or order of the present government, to a *grant* of *lands* already run and located by such person or persons, that in all and every such case, the said grant shall now actually pass, and be signed and sealed without any further or additional charages or incumbraces in consequence of this law, upon the same, except *Office Fees.*

The Council are of opinion, and recommend that a clause or paragraph be added, entitling all and singular, the persons who emigrated into this State, under the encouragement, and by virtue of, a proclamation, issued in the year one thousand, seven hundred and seventy eight, in order to procure lands and settlements in the same but from the local situation of our affairs at that time, the warrants and grants for the said lands could not then be had and obtained, but that they sat down several parcels or tracts of land theretofore unlocated, and improved the same more or less, to a prior right or inheritance in and of the said lands so sat down on and improved, or their legal representative— Provided always nevertheless, that this paragraph shall not extend, nor be intended or construed to intend extending beyond the present temporary boundaries of this State.

The Council further advise and recommend, that to prevent advantages being taken by a few designing men to the damage and injury of the people at large, a clause be added in the 10th paragraph of the said bill for opening the land office, and in the 15th line of the same, and until the mode of granting such lands as may be added to the present boundary of this state shall be agreed on and determined by the Legislature and published by proclamation issued from His Honor the Governor and Execu-

tive Council . . . and as to the be inflicted on persons who transgress the known laws, rules and regulations of this State in general, and this paragraph in particular, respecting people encroaching on the lands the property of the Indians.

The Council are of opinion that every such offender ought to be rendered incapable of ever holding any lands or possessions in this State, or from the priviledges of applying for, or obtaining any warrant or warrants for land within this State forever.

House of Assembly 12th February 1783.

RESOLVED That His Honor the Governor be empowered, out of the first monies in the Treasury, to pay to Capt Peter Emanuel De La Plaigne, considering his particular situation the sum of fifty pounds.

Extract from the minutes.

J. WILKINSON.

Message from His Honor the Governor

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen &C.

I request the return of the letter received from Governor Tonyn, and that I may be furnished with such resolutions as your Honorable House may have entered into respecting the same.

Adjourned and met

13th February 1783.

Present

Honorable Jenkin Davis Esqr. President

Zacharias Fenn, James Bryan, John Elliott

John Morel attended the Board and took his seat as Councillor for the County of Chatham.

Theophilus Lundy attended the Board and qualified as Register of Probates for the County of Effingham.

Thomas Ogden made application for a permission to St Augustine. Granted.

House of Assembly 5th & 11th February 1783.

Resolved, That this House will appoint agents with powers and instructions to settle and adjust the Northern boundary of this State, and that His Honor the Governor be requested to communicate this resolution to His Excellency the Governor of South Carolina, in order that the Legislature thereof may cooperate in this measure.

The House proceeded to the choice of Agents with powers and instructions to settle and adjust the Northern Boundary of this State when the following Gentlemen were chosen, viz, General Lachlan McIntosh, John Houston and Edward Telfair Esquires.

Extract from the minutes

J. W. C. G. A.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

14th February 1783.

The Board met

Present

Honble Jenkin Davis Esq. President

John Fulton	Zacharias Fenn	Esqrs.
John Elliott	John Morel	

Message from His Honor the Governor to the H. A.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen &c

I have to request your Honorable to appoint a Committee of conference that I may lay before them some matters respecting the civil list of the state.

Another of the same day.

I have received a letter from His Excellency Benjn Gerrard, Governor &c of the State of South Carolina, covering some resolves of their House of Representatives, respecting the appointment of Commissioners on their part, to treat with Commissioners on the part of this State, on the proper mode of fixing the boundaries of the two States, and as I shall communicate, as soon as may be, to the Governor of South Carolina, similar resolves of your Honorable House, shall be glad to know if any addition is necessary, before my dispatches are closed.

House of Assembly 14th February 1783.

Resolved, That His Honor the Governor be acquainted that this House, having already taken up subjicted contained in his Message, respecting the boundary between this State and South Carolina, and appointed agents for that purpose, have not any thing further to observe on that head.

In Council 14th February 1783.

Sir,

Pursuant to a resolve &c I recommend to you to establish a small command on the Island of Cock-spur, or Tybee, for the protection of the Port and Harbour of Savannah, and if necessary to erecting any small works thereon for that purpose.

I am &C.

(Signed) L. HALL.

Major Habersham commanding the Continental Troops in Georgia

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

15th February 1783.

The Board met

House of Assembly 9th February 1783.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be empowered and required to issue his proclamation, requiring all the citizens of this State, to make out and render to him, within four months from this date, to be lodged in the Secretary's Office, a true and just account of all losses and damages sustained by them, by means of the ravages of the enemy since the commencement of the present war, particularly specifying the same, and that the said losses and damages be sworn to, before the Chief Justice, or any one or more of the Assistant Judges.

RESOLVED unanimously, that His Honor the Governor in Council, be authorized, empowered and required to grant and sign a Commission, under the Great Seal of this State, to Lachlan M'Intosh, John Houseton and Edward Telfair Esqrs., Agents ap-

pointed to settle and adjust the Northern Boundaries of this State and in and by the said Commission to grant them the said Agents or any two of them full and sufficient power and authority to enter & proceed upon, and with all convenient dispatch to finish and conclude, or endeavor to finish and conclude the said business with the State or Legislature of South Carolina; or any person or persons by them or under their authority duly authorized for that purpose as Agents or Commissioners of that State, in such way and manner as shall be comformable to the rights of the inhabitants and free citizens of this State as declared and secured to them as well by charter, bearing date the day of in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty two, as by a proclamation after the Treaty of Paris, in the year 1763.

ORDERED, That a copy of the above be immediately presented to His Honor the Governor, and that Mr. Clay and Mr. Few, be a Committee for that purpose.

Ex. from the min.

JOHN WILKINSON C. G. A.

Pursuant to a resolve of the Honorable the House of Assembly, 5th inst. His Honor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council did purchase of Capt. John Howell of North Carolina, a Galley, called the "Sailors Delight," with all and singular the apurtenances to her belonging, as per inventory, for the sum of five hundred pounds sterling; and thereupon, paid into the hands of Mr. Thomas Ogden, Mercht eighteen hundred dollars in seven setts Bills of Exchange, drawn on our Minister &c at Versailles, which were received from the late Governor, Martin. On which the said Thomas Ogden gave a bill of sale for the said Galley dated at Savannah 12th Inst

House of Assembly 12th Feby 1783.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to

take such order on the letter from Governor Tonyn, of East Florida, as in his opinion will best tend to the honor, interest and safety of this state.

Ext.

Jn° Wilkinson C. G. A.

In Council 15th February 1783.

Ordered, That the Secy of the State be required to prepare a proclamation on the resolve of the Hon. House of Assembly of the 9th Inst. requiring all the citizens of this State to make out, and render to him, within four months from this date a true and just account of all losses and damages sustained by them, by means of the ravages of the enemy &c &c

Adjourned till Monday morning next 10 o'Clock.

House of Assembly 16th February 1783.

Resolved, That His Honor the Governor be empowered and requested to make such communication to the Commander in Chief of the Southern Army, or any of our Allies, or friendly powers, as he, in his opinion may deem necessary to promote the common cause, and if the safety and defence of this State should require, to pursue such measures as may be expedient, and this House will make good all expenditures not exceeding five thousand pounds.

Resolved, That the late Governor, Col° Martin, be requested to deliver the bonds, received by him for the amount of sales of a certain number of Negroes condemned for the use of this State, to His Honor the Governor.

Resolved, That His Honor the Governor be requested to pay the Attorney General, his last years salary, out of the

monies arising from the sales of a certain number of Negroes condemned for the use of this State.

Extract &c

Ja^s Jones Clk. pro. tem.

In Council Savannah 17th Feby 1783.

Present

His Honor the Governor.

John Fulton, John Morel, Zacharias Fenn, Walton Harris } Esqrs.

Richard Call attended the Board and qualified as Surveyor General of this State.

Thomas Ogden produced an account against this State, for the Galley, Sailors Delight, purchase money £500. and an account of expenditures on a late cruise prior to the purchase, amo^t £12: 17: 2.

Gerald Byrne applied to the Board for permission to proceed to St Augustine, in an open boat, and his wife in the Schooner Felicity, John Collins, Master; having given bond in the Secretary's Office—Granted.

Message from His Honor the Governor to the Hon. H. A.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen &C^c

Agreeable to your resolve of yesterday I applied to the late Governor Martin, for the delivery of bonds referrd to, and received for answer the letter herewith transmitted your Honorable House, which I recommend to your attention, with the order of the Honorable the Executive Council, of the 4th January

last past, appropriating those bonds, as appears by their minutes, which also beg leave to lay before you, and request that your Honorable House will decide on the propriety of insisting on the delivery of those bonds, and how far the order of Council appropriating the same should take effect.

Adjourned.

The Board met by adjournment

18th February 1783.

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Honbl. Jenkin Davis Esqr. President

John Fulton	Zacharias Fenn	}
Walton Harris	John Morel.	}

Capt Brown, of the State Galley, Sailors Delight, attended the Board, stating that there were four people on pay in the service of the said Galley, and that rations were wanted for the same

Ordered, That the issuing agent be required to issue rations for them accordingly.

Application being made by Mr. William Struthers for permission to go to Europe, agreeable to a resolve of the Honorable House of Assembly— Granted.

Resolved, That all Flags of Truce, coming from any Port or Harbour, of the enemy, to any Port, Harbour, Creek or inlet in this State to the Southward of Tybee, *do,* without going on shore, or holding any correspondence with the inhabitants of this State as aforesaid, or without delivering any letters of communication or embassy whatever,

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proceed to the Port and Harbour of Savannah in the said State, that the purport of their so coming, shall be *first* communicated to this Board.

ORDERED, That the Collector of the Port and Harbour of Sunbury, his deputy or deputies, be empowered and strictly enjoined to take cognizance of every such Flag or Flags of Truce, or other vessel coming under such pretensions into any of the Harbours, Creeks or inlets as aforesaid, who shall presume to make any delay in any such Harbour, Creek or inlet; or put on shore, from any such Flag, or Flags of Truce or other Vessel as above described, any person or persons, paper or papers, or any other article whatever, without as above directed,— And that the said Collector, his deputy or deputies, shall immediately take charge of every such Flag or Flags of Truce, or other Vessel as aforesaid and then conduct, or cause to be conducted, without any delay, to this place, that they may be further dealt with, as to law, Justice and custom of nations shall appertain.

It is further ordered, That the Commanding Officer of the Militia for, and in the County of Liberty be likewise empowered and required to issue his orders, in consequence hereof, to all the Officers of the Militia under his command, that they be vigilant in apprehending any such offenders as mentioned above, who may be found, in the absence, out of the knowledge, or thro the neglect, of the said Collector his deputy or deputies, that they may be dealt with accordingly.

ORDERED, That the Secretary of this Board, transmit a copy of this resolve and order to the Collector aforesaid, his Deputy or Deputies and to the Col° of Militia aforesaid, for his and their future government.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Savannah 19th February 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Honorable Jenkin Davis Esq. President.

John Fulton, Zacharias Fenn, Walton Harris } Esqrs.

On Motion.

Ordered, That the Commissioners of confiscated and amerced estates be required to immediately attend the Board—Order issued accordingly.

Whereas, information hath been lodged with this Board by Joseph Woodruff, that a female child, named Susannah Hammond, hath been barbarously and cruelly dealt with by a certain ..... under pretence of being bound to during British usurpation in this State.

Ordered, That the said Joseph Woodruff be empowered to take the said child from and out of the possession of the said ..... and her retain in his charge till further order be taken thereon—

James Jones, Francis Pugh, Jared Irwin and John Clements Esqrs. attended the Board and qualified as Magistrates for Burke County.

Petition James Adamson praying permission to go to East Florida in an open boat with three hands and to return—Granted.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Savannah 20th February 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Honble. Jenkin Davis President.

John Fulton, Zacharias Fenn, Walton Harris } Esqrs

Letter and petition of Capt. James McKay on account of John Maxwells Estate, was read—laid by for another time.

Letter from Seaborn Jones, respecting a house, the property of his brother, occupied by the soldiery, was read—

ORDERED, to lay on the Table.

In Council Savannah 21st Febr 1783.

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Honbl. Jenkin Davis Esqr. Presdt

John Fulton, Walton Harris, Zacharias Fenn } Esqrs.

The petition and letter of yesterday from Capt James McKay was re-considered—

ORDERED, That the Commissioners of confiscated and amerced estates, do permit the negroes late deemed the property

of John B. Maxwell to plant and follow other occupation till a future day, without any trouble or molestation whatever on the score of being confiscated or otherwise.

The letter of Seaborn Jones of yesterday was taken into further consideration— whereupon,

ORDERED, That the Commanding Officer of the Soldiery be requested to have the Troops removed from the said House, and possession given to the petitioner on behalf of the Proprietor.

22nd February 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Honble. Jenkin Davis Esq. President

Walton Harris Zacharias Fenn Esqrs.

The Board taking into consideration the difficulty of supplying the Troops doing duty in this State, on account of the great scarcity of provisions. And whereas, great numbers of the good citizens of this State, have, and are daily expected to return to the same, with their families, with the expectation of procuring supplies on their return, which said Troops and good citizens as aforesaid with their families will probably suffer yet more difficulties, unless some step be taken to prevent the exportation of grain and other provisions for a limited time. whereupon,

ORDERED, That His Honor the Governor do issue his proclamation prohibiting the exportation of any sort of grain from and out of this State, untill the fifteenth day of May next, unless the

said prohibition shall be taken off, or license granted for that purpose by His Honor and this Board.

ORDERED, That the Secretary of the State be furnished with a copy of this order, and that he be requested to prepare a proclamation for the above purpose, for His Honor's inspection and for the press.

Florence Sullivan Esqr admitted an Attorney at Law, by the Honble. House of Assembly, attended the Board and qualified accordingly after having taken and subscribed the State oath.

25th February 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

John Fulton, John Morel, Zacharias Fenn } Esqrs.

Memorial of John Wereat, Attorney for Thomas Savage, praying an order for some provisions for his negroes—was read.

Order thereon, That it is impracticable for this Board to comply with it at this time.

Letter of Mordecai Sheftall requesting permission to ship off sixty two whole, and twenty nine half barrels, Philadelphia Flour, 8 Firkins Butter, 4 bbls. bread, 4 bls. pork, 30 kegs biscuit and some loose onions, to Charleston, South Carolina, setting forth that he imported the said articles into this State and cannot get sale for them here. Granted.

Motion made that the support of the Executive Council during their attendance, be taken into consideration.

RESOLVED, That the Councillors while they attend on that duty, and no longer, ought to be allowed, three dollars per day, in lieu of a salary, as heretofore determined by the Honbl. House of Assembly the 4th of August last.

ORDERED, That the said sums of three dollars per day, for each Councillor be allowed them accordingly, and that the same shall be paid weekly if demanded; for which purpose it is further,

ORDERED, That the Commissioners of confiscated and amerced estates do pay into the hands of the Secretary to this Board, so much money as will answer the above purpose of detraying the accounts of the Councillors, attending on business as aforesaid.

Motion made that the Commissioners of confiscated and amerced estates be required to give their attendance at the Board this afternoon.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Savannah 20th February 1783.

The Board met.

Present

His Honor the Governor.

John Fulton	John Morel	Esqrs.
Benjamin Andrew	Zacharias Fenn	
Walton Harris		

Benjamin Andrew Esq. this day took his seat at the Board.

Application made by James Lemon to go to St Augustine. Granted.

Zacharias Fenn Esq. one of this Board produced his account for fifty one days attendance in Council, and eight days allowed coming from, and returning to Richmond County, in all fifty nine days at three dollars per day makes.....$177.00

Cr by cash received..... 16.00

Balance due. $161.00Z. F.

Walton Harris produced his account for the same consideration fifty one days attendance, and ten days allowed him going from, and returning to Wilkes County, making sixty one days at three dollars per day is.....$183.00

Cr By cash 16.00

Balance due Mr Harris....$167.00

Walton Harris Esq. qualified as a Magistrate for the County of Wilkes.

Zacharias Fenn and Walton Harris Esqs obtained leave of absence for one month.

Whereas, nothing can have a greater tendency to promote the honor of God, the propagation of the christian religion, and the spiritual welfare of the citizens residing in this state than the regular performance of divine service. And whereas, the several churches throughout the County of Chatham, and other Counties in this State, are much out of repair, owing to the great neglect of them for many years past.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the inhabitants of the said County of Chatham, to meet at the different churches therein, on the second saturday of March next, and the inhabitants of other Counties as soon as may be after the publication hereof, to elect and choose fit and discreet persons for vestry men and church wardens, and other officers for their respective churches for one year next ensuing.

ORDERED, That the same be sent to the Printer of the Georgia Gazette for publication.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

In Council 27th February 1783.

Two members met and adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Friday 28th February 1783.

Two members met and adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Saturday 1st March 1783.

Two members met and adjourned till Monday morning 10 o'Clock.

This day John Goldwire and Charles Odingsells waited on His Honor the Governor, and in consequence of his (John Goldwire,) being taken off the confiscation, and put on the amercement act, took up the bonds given by Charles Odingsells aforesaid for two tracts of land sold as the property of the said Goldwire, in Effingham County confiscated.

In Council Savannah 3rd March 1783.

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Honorable Jenkin Davis Esq. President

John Fulton
John Morel
Benjamin Andrew } Esqrs.

Proposals made by William O'Bryan for bringing in the Records and other public papers belonging to this State, now in Virginia or Maryland—was read—

ORDERED, That the removing the said papers &C. be postponed till a future day.

Petition Lieut Colº Cooper of Liberty County Militia, setting forth that the Militia when embodied, would stand in need of supplies of provisions whilst on duty,

ORDERED, to lay on the table till to-morrow.

Petition of John Butler Maxwell for permission to remain on his late plantation at Ogechee, till the meeting of the next Assembly—was read. Not granted.

Application of Mr. James Greenhowe, a British Merchant to ship a few barrels rice, purchased from South Carolina, to East Florida, was read— Referred for future deliberation.

Adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'Clock.

Tuesday 4th March 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Honbl. Jenkin Davis Prest

John Fulton Benjamin Andrews Esqrs.

Petition of Colo Cooper of yesterday, was re-considered,

ORDERED, That ten barrels rice and two bushels salt be allowed him for the purposes therein mentioned, and that an order be drawn on the issuing Commissary or Agent for the same.

Application made by Mr. Higgins, the Pilot, for rations for himself and two men for thirty days from this date, he to be accountable for the same— Granted.

ORDERED, That Lieut. Colo Jackson be requested to make a return of the Public Horses, that were in his corps, with their saddles &c the preceding year.

ORDERED, That N. Wade, late Deputy Quarter Master, be requested to make a return of the public waggons and horses that were in his department the preceeding year.

ORDERED, That Mr. Rolfes be again required to render this Board an exact return of the public salt, received by him, the distribution thereof, and the quantity remaining on hand.

Mr. N. Wade answered the above order by a letter, informing that he had made a return of all the public waggons, horses &C. that came into his department whilst he was in Office, to the Honble. Colo Martin, late Governor. Mr. Wade also produced a return of the public horses, waggons &c

ORDERED, That the Secretary do write to the several persons having public horses, and waggons, mentioned in the said returns, requiring them to render an account thereof to this Board.

The Board adjourned till Thursday morning 10 o'Clock.

The Board was summoned to attend His Honor the Governor in Council.

5th March 1783.

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Honble. Jenkin Davis Esq. President

John Morel, John Fulton, Benjamin Andrew } Esquires.

William Gibbons Senr Esq., Foreman of the Grand Jury and his fellows, waited on His Honor the Governor in the Council Chamber, with the following information, to wit,

Savannah March 5th 1783.

The Grand Jurors, having in a body, waited on His Honor the Governor, to inform him, by the Foreman, that they had, on this morning, made three efforts to lay before the Chief Justice and his associates at the Superior Court, certain presentments, agreeable to the duties of their body; that each effort had been attended with a peremptory denial from the bench, nor was the foreman permitted to present the grievances to the Court; it being urged, that they could only be read by the proper officer; and he being unable to publish it without the concurrence of the bench, the Grand-Jurors were informed by the Chief Justice that the Court were resolved. Upon which, they retired to their

Chamber and called on the Attorney General, for his decision; The Attorney General, was decidedly of opinion, that presentments were to be made in such rotation as the Grand Jurors should determine; and as the Court had adjourned before they could return, the Grand Jurors pray for a redress of this grievance, from His Honor the Governor, by a suspension of the Chief Justice for the present Sessions, thereby enabling them to pursue the functions of their body, and to preserve the current of Justice, which must otherwise become stagnant.

(Signed) W^M^ Gibbons Foreman.

The Board, after maturely deliberating on the information, given by the Grand Jury for the County of Chatham, are of opinion that the Chief Justice ought to be suspended from exercising the Office of Chief Justice for the present Sessions; and he is hereby declared to be suspended for the present Sessions.

Ordered, That the Secretary of this Board, do notify the same to the Chief Justice, the Foreman of the Grand Jury, and thro' the Attorney General, to the Assistant Judges for the County aforesaid.

Thursday 6th March 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

The Honble. Jenkin Davis Esqr President

John Fulton, John Morel, Benjamin Andrew } Esqrs.

Letter James Gunn praying an order may issue to take a Ne-

gro, named June, the property of the Estate of Joseph Wright, deceased, out of the possession of Richard Henderson—was read— Granted

Letter from James Field, praying to be appointed a Vendue-Master in the Town of Savannah, was read.

Davis Rees, appointed by the Honorable House of Assembly one of the Justices for the County of Chatham, was qualified as such before the Board.

Jenkin Davis and Abraham Ravot Esqrs. attended the Board and qualified as Assistant Justices for the County of Effingham.

WHEREAS, it hath been represented to this Board, that there is a scarcity of Magistrates:

Petition of Rudolph Burhulter was read,

ORDERED, That it be laid before the several Magistrates for the County of agreeable to a late act of the General Assembly.

Thomas Baker Esq. attended the Board and qualified as Register of Probates for Liberty County.

Application of Capt Peter Emanuel De La Plaigne, for the payment of fifty pounds, pursuant to a resolve of the Honble. House of Assembly, dated 12th February last.

ORDERED, That an order be drawn on the Commissioners of confiscated and amerced property, to pay the said sum of fifty pounds to the said De La Plaigne out of the amercement of Benjamin Farley's Estate.

Tuesday 11th March 1783.

No. Council.

Thursday 13th March 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Honble Jenkin Davis Esq. President

John Fulton
Benjamin Bryan and James Bryan } Esqrs.

On Motion,

ORDERED, That the Commissioners of confiscated and amerced estates, do proceed to the sale of certain confiscated property, to wit.

One tract of land on Whitmash, 380 acres, late the property of Joels—

One tract of land on White Bluff, 100 acres, late the property of

One half lot in Savannah, and one negro fellow named Jacob late the property of George Fox.

The said sale to commence on Thursday next at the hour of twelve in the forenoon, for cash only, to be paid in Gold and Silver, before the property thereof be altered. being for the purpose of raising money to procure Indian Goods, and other pressing exigencies—

William Lyford, (proscribed) forwarded, from Thunderbolt, to His Honor the Governor a Flag from Governor Tonyn and a letter from himself, praying permission to come to Savannah to adjust some private business—answered in the negative.

ORDERED, That he do immediately return to East Florida.

Amongst others, he forwarded a letter from John Haley, of St Augustine, humbly imploring permission for the said Lyford to return to this State with his family to reside.

Adjourned till Tuesday next.

Tuesday 18th March 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Honble. Jenkin Davis President

John Fulton James Bryan Esqrs.

Application of Patrick Crookshanks to export grain to E. Florida, which he would bring from So Carolina, was read—not granted.

Application James Greenhow to export rice, which shall be brought from So Carolina, to E. Florida was read—not granted.

Memorial, Mary Ingram, praying that James Ingram, her husband, proscribed, may visit her &c was read—not granted.

Petition Leonard Cecil, that he might Ship for St Augustine, about 30 bls. Rice, which was paid him on account in So Carolina, and now on board his vessel, was read— Inadmissible—

Permission granted to A. Johnston for a negro, Jo and a child to go to East Florida, to Mrs. Jane Farley—security is given &c

In Council, Savannah 20th March 1783.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Honble. Jenkin Davis President

John Fulton James Bryan Esquires.

Application made by Major Finley, commanding the Continental Troops at Thunderbolt for supplies of provisions &c

RESOLVED, That an order do issue empowering the purchasing Agent, or his deputy, to procure such provisions as may be necessary, either by purchase or impressing from the inhabitants of the state, so that the same be done in the least manner prejudicial or distressing to the inhabitants thereof. Order granted.

This day John Wereat, Auditor General, produced two accounts against the state, amounting, in principal and interest, to seven hundred and ninety three pounds, eighteen shillings and two pence, which sum was resolved, by the honorable House of Assembly, 11th Feby. last, should be received in payment of any bond or bonds he may have given to, and for the use of this State. And as they exceeded the amount of his bond and interest amounting to six hundred and sixty nine pounds, six shillings and two pence, there remained a balance due the said John Wereat of one hundred and twenty four pounds, twelve shillings, specie value, for which His Honor the Governor gave him a certificate.

Sundry papers from William Temple Coles Esq. of North Carolina, respecting negroes he had purchased the last year from a Committee &c And which were proved from him &c was read—

ORDERED, That the same be referr'd to the next General Assembly.

Petition of John Kell, dated 28th Feby 1783, praying to be appointed and confirmed in the business of Auctioneer for the Town, Harbour and Port of Savannah, was read— Granted.

On motion,

ORDERED, That the lands of Sir Patrick Houstoun on or near Cathead, containing three thousand acres, be sold by the Commissioners of confiscated and amerced estates, on Tuesday next at 12 oClock at the Vendue House in Savannah, to the highest bidder, for cash, to be paid in gold and silver only, he having hitherto, tho' frequently thereunto required, refused to pay his amercement.

Petition Robert Grier, Commissary of Military Stores, praying for one or two pieces linnen, was read—laid safely by—

Petition William Hornby, to carry or send four or five barrels Rice to St Augustine, to defray charges on recovering his negroes there— Permission for four barrels was granted.

Petition of James Fields was reconsidered—whereupon,

RESOLVED, That as one Auctioneer is deemed sufficient for this place at present, and that Mr. John Kell has already been appointed to that place, the Board cannot, consistently, make another such appointment

The Board adjourned till Tuesday next 10 o'Clock.

In Council, Savannah 25th March 1783.

Board met.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Honoble Jenkin Davis Esq. President

John Fulton	Benjamin Andrew	Esqrs
John Morel	James Bryan	

Petition Darius Dalton of S° Carolina, setting forth that he was taken near the mouth of Ashepoo River, by a British Galley, praying permission to go to St Augustine after his property, and to carry with him four barrels Rice, to defray his expences there and back—Granted.

Petition Thomas Stone, praying permission to send by some Flag, going to East-Florida, as much Rice as will serve fourteen negroes on their way hither.

Resolved, That he be permitted to send four bls.

Petition, John Morel, praying permission to ship five hundred bushels corn to St Augustine to defray the expences attending getting his Negroes. . . Granted.

On representation that Commissioners are much wanted for the Streets and Commons of Savannah, Ewensburgh, Yamacraw and the Trustees Gardens,

Ordered, That William Stephens, Samuel Stirk, John Morel and Edward Davies Esqrs; Major John Habersham and Mr. Mordecai Sheftall be appointed for that purpose accordingly.

Board adjourned till morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

In Council, Savannah 26th March 1783.

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Honble Jenkin Davis Esq. President

John Fulton, James Bryan, Benjamin Andrew } Esqrs.

ORDERED, That Charles Jones, D. Q. M. be and he is hereby authorized to procure, in the least distressing manner, a supply of corn and forage for the Dragoons, doing duty in this State, on the Island of Skidoway, in such quantity and proportion, from the several families on said Island, as they can spare, without being distressed, And that the same, if not otherwise to be obtained, be *impressed* for the purpose aforesaid. This order to continue in force till further orders by advice of Council.

(signed) L. HALL.

Extended, 2d April, for one week, to plantations on Savannah River.

ORDERED, That the tract of land, the property of Sir Patrick Houstoun, on Cat-head &c ordered for sale on Tuesday last, be sold on Monday the 31st Instant, as per former order.

Application John Fulton Esq. for bl. Rice—. Granted.

ORDERED, That the Commissioners of confiscated and amerced estates, furnish Mr. Henry Allison, with such number of negroes as he is entitled to receive by virtue of his certificate for services in Colo Jacksons Corps, agreeable to a law of this State dated
and that an order do issue accordingly.

Mr. Greenhow, on application of sundry persons from Liberty County on condition of supplying them with corn, is allowed to

clear out from this Port, two hundred barrels rice, which he is to receive from Mr. Heyward S° Carolina.

Application Peter Raymond to go to East Florida, in quest of some negroes, and to carry for provisions, 300lb rice—Granted—

27th March 1783.

The Board met.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Honble. Jenkin Davis, Esq. President

John Fulton John Morel Esquires.

Whereas, it is represented to this Board, that there are many cattle in different parts of this State, the brands of which have been by wicked and designing persons, obliterated and marks cut away or otherwise defaced or altered, so that the same canno with justice and certainty be claimed by individuals— Therefore,

Resolved, That all such cattle as aforesaid, the property of which, as cannot be sworn to, is hereby considered the property of the State in general.

Ordered, That Major James Maxwell, Capt Samuel We- William Quarterman, Doct. James Dunwiddie and Lazarus Mallard be authorized, empowered and required to use and take all diligent ways and means to have all such cattle collected and secured for the public use; the particular appropriation thereof to be directed by a future order from this Board.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

Savannah 28th March 1783.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Honble. Jenkin Davis Esq. President

John Fulton
John Morel
Benjamin Andrew } Esqrs.

On information that Magistrates are wanted in that part of this County, Southward of the River Ogechee, commonly called Ogechee Neck, or the lower part of St Philips, and William Maxwell, Francis Coddington and Benjamin Stites have been represented as fit persons to be Magistrates.

ORDERED, That they be accordingly appointed.

On like representation from the districts distinguished and known by White Bluff and Little Ogechee,

ORDERED, That Capt John Morel, Thomas Netherclift, and James Parker, be appointed for the said district of White Bluff; and that Francis Bourquin and Doct. Frederic Rehm be, and they are hereby, appointed Justices for the district of Little Ogechee aforesaid.

ORDERED, That the Secretary of this Board do inform them officially thereof, that they may attend the Board and qualify accordingly.—

On information that Samuel Krows Esqr declines acting as Justice of the peace for the County of Effingham.

ORDERED, That Godlieb Needlinger of the said County be appointed in his room— and that he be officially informed thereof in order that he may qualify as such—

Capt. Benjamin Nelmes, Master of the Sloop, Betsy; accompanied by William Thompson, Mate; Martin Nichols, Benjamin Hind, John Lambert and John May, Seamen; belonging to the Sloop, Betsy. Whereas, they, the said Mate and Men, complain that the said Capt. Nelmes assumes a right of detaining them, contrary to the true intent and meaning of their agreement and the motives of their shipping with him— Whereupon, the Board are unanimously of opinion, that the said mate and seamen, are entitled to their immediate discharge, and ought to receive their wages until this day.

David Murdoch made application to go to St Augustine— Granted.

Whereas, it has been found impracticable to supply the inhabitants of Liberty County, with the two hundred barrels of rice, agreeable to a resolve of the late House of Assembly, dated 4th February last. And whereas, proposals have been made to them and to this Board by James Greenhow that, for the consideration hereafter to be mentioned, he the said Greenhow will furnish the said inhabitants of Liberty County with three thousand bushels of corn; three hundred bushels of rough rice, and forty bushels of clean rice, they to be accountable to the said Greenhow, for the same in value or kind— The condition of granting such supplies is to be, that the s^{d} Greenhow, shall have permission to ship for East Florida, two hundred barrels of rice, which said rice he has owing to him in South Carolina and is to be brought therefore, from thence.

The Board taking into mature consideration, the distressed situation of the inhabitants aforesaid and weighing the humane and benevolent intention of the Honble. the House of Assembly in the said resolve of the 4th Feb.y last— Whereupon, they have,

Ordered, That in consequence of the said Greenhow's furnishing the said supplies of grain when the same shall be de-

manded; he shall have permission to ship the said two hundred barrels of rice from this Port; the same to be brought from South Carolina aforesaid.

WHEREAS, the procuring presents for the Indians at the intended treaty to be held on or about the first day of May next, at the Springs near Augusta, is of the utmost consequence to the peace, safety and welfare of this State. And whereas, the Honoble the Legislature at their sitting did vote a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred pounds to be appropriated for that purpose, in such way and manner, and to be raised from and out of any public property, as his Honor the Governor should think most expedient and effectual. And whereas, it hath been found utterly impracticable to procure the said goods but from East Florida, and the Treasury of this State being at present altogether empty; it hath been resolved, after mature and deliberate consideration, that there is no alternative but permitting rice to be shipped to East Florida aforesaid, by special permission, to pay for such goods as may be purchased for the above purpose.

ORDERED, That Mr. John Kell have special permission to Ship off so many barrels rice as this Board shall from time to time think proper.

Board adjourned till Tuesday 1st April next.

In Council 1st April 1783.

The Board met.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Honble. Jenkin Davis Esq. President

Benjamin Andrew John Fulton
John Morel } Esqrs.

Petition of William Hornby praying the Council to cause a prosecution against him to be stoped or suspended till the meeting of the next General Assembly.

ORDERED, That the Attorney General be recommended to delay issuing the said process till the meeting of the next House of Assembly accordingly.

John Milton, Secretary, applied to this Board to be confirmed in the appointment of Notary Public, for the State of Georgia, setting forth, that it ought to be connected with his office of Secretary— The Board are of opinion, that altho' the words of the Constitution, do literally forbid any person holding two offices, yet these two in nature are so like one and the same office, and the infant state of the Country at present, will justify the measure whereupon,

RESOLVED, That the said John Milton be, from henceforward appointed, reputed and taken as the Notary Public of this State accordingly— On which the said John was sworn in as such.

Application by John Collins in a Flag, Schooner Friendship, from East Florida, to come to the wharf to throw out ballast— Granted.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of forfeited and amerced estates have received from Sir Patrick Houstoun, the sum of one hundred pounds specie, in part of his amercement; he prays indulgence for the payment of the remainder till the meeting of the next Assembly, and that all proceedings against the said Sir Patrick Houstoun, on account of the same, do cease until the said time—Granted—

Application made on account of Mrs. Jones, wife of William, proscribed, setting forth that the Public have had in their possession since November last, her property.

ORDERED, That an order do issue from this Board, that she may have the said boat delivered up to her.

Petition John Mitchell, a British Merchant, praying permission to ship, for East Florida, thirty bls. rice— Inadmissible.–

Application Charles Odingsells, as one of the Commissioners of confiscated estates, for one bushel salt, for the public negroes at Dublin, granted conditionally— Provided, that if it shoul hereafter appear, that the said negroes are not public property, the estate of John Maxwell must be accountable for the same.

Petition of William Wallace, at present, resident of Charles Town, late, of Sunbury in this State, praying that he may have permission to return to this place, setting forth, also, amongst other good causes, that his name was not in the confiscated act. Whereupon,

ORDERED, That the petitioner, William Wallace, have permission to return to, and become a resident of this State, as heretofore; and entitled to all the priviledges and immunities of a free citizen, that he was entitled to at any time previous to the ninth day of January 1779. mentioned in said petition.

Petition, Messrs Owens and Thompson, containing proposals,

that in order to make some remittances to East Florida, they may be granted permission to ship, for that place, three hundred barrels rice, they promise to deduct £300. St.g from their accounts against the State of Georgia.

ORDERED, To lay over for consideration.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

2d April 1783.

The Board met.

Present

His Honor the Governor.

Honble. Jenkin Davis Esq. President

John Fulton John Morel Esqrs

Application from one Amos Whitehead, setting forth, that it was impracticable for him to raise his amercement money amounting to about £ and prays indulgence on paying £12. specie down, for the payment of the remainder, till the meeting of the next House of Assembly—

ORDERED, That the Commissioners of forfeited and amerced estates, on receiving the aforesaid sum of £12, be permitted to grant him the said indulgence.

Application of Alexander Allison for permission to ship one barrel rice, on board Schooner, Friendship, John Collins Master, bound to East Florida, to defray the expences attending getting his negroe from thence— Granted.

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board, that a searcher, for the port of Savannah, is much wanted.

ORDERED, That James Cochran Esq. be and he is hereby appointed Searcher for the said Port.

On like representation, James Cochran aforesaid, was nominated and appointed Flag-Master for the aforesaid Port of Savannah.

ORDERED, That the Commissioners of forfeited and amerced property, do collect the several negroes, and other movable property, that is now squandering and lurking in this State. And that they do forthwith proceed to sell the same, or such part thereof as they can lay hold of, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, for gold and silver only, on Monday next at the hour of eleven in the forenoon, to raise money for answering the pressing emergencies of the State.

GEORGIA,

WHEREAS, it appears to His Honor the Governor and the executive Council, that Vincenzo Lirardor, from East Florida, hath obtained permission from the Governor of that Province to procure provisions from Georgia aforesaid.

And whereas, it further appears that the said Vincenzo Lirardor, thro' ignorance and simplicity hath brought with him six casks wine, and two boxes sugar, therefore, in consideration of his ignorance, the Board hath granted him the said Vincenzo Lirardor permission to return to East Florida aforesaid, and to take with him the said six casks of wine and two boxes sugar. And all and singular the citizens of the United States of America are hereby desired not to interrupt, molest or disturb the said Vincenzo Lirardor, his Vessel or effects.

The Board met 3d April, and having nothing material on hand, as well as being few in number, adjourned till the 8th instant.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Honbl Jenkin Davis Esq. President

John Fulton	James Bryan	Esqrs.
John Morel	James Stewart	

Petition, Henrietta Jones, wife of William, attainted, for permission to ship 100 bushels corn to him at St Augustine—*Rejected*

Petition James Guernon, confined on board the Flag Sloop Good Intent, from East Florida, to come on shore, to settle some private business, and that he is willing to confine himself to the house of Mr. Richard Leake—Granted.

Petition of Peter Nephew, praying to have the occupying of Ogechee Ferry. Not granted.

John Brown, Master of the State Galley, called Sailors Delight waited on His Honor the Governor and resigned his commission as Captain of the same. which was accepted.

Ordered, That the ferry over Great Ogechee, be sold; or leased for one year, to the highest bidder, on Tuesday next, at the Vendue House on the Bay, Savannah—

Petition of Henrietta B. Jones, wife of William, Attainted, praying that a certain negroe, named now in the hands of the Commissioners of confiscated estates shall remain unsold till the meeting of the House of Assembly.—Granted.

The further consideration of Messrs Owens Thompson's petition was deliberated—whereupon,

ORDERED, That the prayer of the said petition be granted, on condition that the three hundred barrels rice, therein mentioned, be procured from the State of South Carolina. And that previous thereto the said sum of three hundred pounds, be entered to the credit of this State on their accounts.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

9th April 1783.

The Board met by adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

Proposals made by Luke Mann—

WHEREAS, there are in custody, at this time, several negroes belonging to James Butler, late of this State; and the same have been ordered to be sold for cash at public outcry, to the highest bidder, to answer the present pressing demands of government. And whereas, the said Luke Mann, hath proposed to pay the sum of one hundred pounds specie, for the use of government *on loan* and that the said negroes be suffered to remain in the possession of the said Luke Mann, and not subject to be taken from him, by any person or persons whatever, during the term of two months.

ORDERED, That the said negroes be delivered the said Luke Mann, for the time above mentioned, on his advancing to His Honor the Governor the sum of one hundred pounds, for the use of the State.

N. B. This matter droped by default, on the part of the said Luke Mann.

ORDERED, That the house and lot in Augusta, which lately belonged to James Ingram, be sold to procure corn and other supplies to be made use of at the treaty to be held with the Indians, and that the same be appraised by three freeholders, on oath, to ascertain the value thereof in cash; and that it be considered as a pledge to the amount of the appraisement, to such person or persons who shall deliver to Mr. Rae the superintendant of Indian Affairs, corn or other supplies at cash price, to his acceptance. The said House and lot to be sold by the 20th May next to the person or persons who shall render such supplies, at the sum appraised at, or the cash to be paid to the amount thereof.

It being represented to this Board, that Mr. Andrew McLean is nominated, by the Commissioners appointed to hold a Treaty with the Creek and Cherokee Indians, at Augusta, the first of May next, as agent to purchase goods to be given them on that occasion, agreeable to a list or schedule delivered him for that purpose, as near as may be—Therefore,

ORDERED, That the public property and other resources of the State be pledged for the payment of such goods, to the amount of fifteen hundred pounds And should the articles of goods that shall be supplied, exceed the said sum of fifteen hundred pounds, then, and in that case, that it be referred to the Honorable House of Assembly to provide for the same.

Adjourned till Saturday next 10 o'Clock.

15th April 1783.

The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Honble. Jenkin Davis Esq. President

John Fulton	James Stuart	Esqrs
Zacharias Fenn	James Bryan	

ORDERED, That the conditions of sale of Ogechee Ferry, be as follows.

The highest bidder to be the purchaser or occupier for the term of one year,—the rent of the same, to be paid quarterly in specie, not subject to any deductions for repairs or otherwise. The purchasers is to give bond with sufficient security, for the true performance of the above conditions. The said ferry, on failure or neglect of payment of any quarters rent, shall be subject to be resold to the highest bidder as at present.

ORDERED, That the purchasing and issuing agents, do make returns of all property by them received, and how appropriated, by to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

ORDERED, That the like order do issue to the Commissary of military stores.

ORDERED, That Captain James Fields be requested to deliver to this Board on Thursday morning next, all such bonds, and other specialties as he may have in his possession, the property of this State.

ORDERED, That one of the Commissioners of confiscated and amerced estates proceed to Richmond County, in order to collect the horses and negroes which he may find there, belonging to the public; and that he get the same appraised by three or

more respectable freeholders on oath to ascertain the value thereof in cash. And also such, and so many tracts, of land, belonging to the public, as may be sufficient to purchase five thousand bushels of corn; and which shall be considered as a pledge, to the amount of the appraisement, to such person or persons who shall supply Mr. Rae, the Superintendant of Indian Affairs with corn or other supplies at cash price to his acceptance, which said property shall be sold for the purpose aforesaid, on the 20th May next,—And also, that the said Commissioners do collect, or secure, so as to be collected, all such sums as are due on the amercement act, and sequestered estates; to be delivered to Mr. Rae aforesaid, as may be necessary to be made use of in aid of other engagements to procure a sufficient quantity of corn and beef for the support of the Treaty to be held with the Indians in May next.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

16th April 1783.

The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Honble. Jenkin Davis Esq. President

John Fulton, James Stuart, Zacharias Fenn } Esqrs.

The purchasing and issuing agents prefered petitions to the Board, praying longer time to prepare returns and their accounts. Granted.

L. Marbury's very extraordinary proposals for procuring supplies &c for the Indian Treaty was read—Ordered to lay on the table.

ORDERED, That the purchasing and issuing agents, do immediately make out a return of all such articles of provisions, and other matters belonging to the public, as they have on hand, to be laid before this Board, and that they be indulged a few days to make out their accounts. Sent.

Petition John Simpson was read, praying permission to Ship to East-Florida, ten barrels rice, in order to pay for a negroe fellow taken from him on the 9th January 1779.—Granted.

Petition Major John Milton, setting forth that he had large claims against the Estate of James Butler, and prayed to have permission to take a negroe boy, named Moses, late the property of the said Butler, into his possession, until he shall have an opportunity of laying his claims before the Honble. House of Assembly—was read.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

17th April 1783.

The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Honble. Jenkin Davis, President.

James Stuart, John Fulton, Zacharias Fenn } Esqrs.

Mr. Fenn and Mr. Stuart, a Committee from the Council appointed to enquire what rice was on hand, in possession of the purchasing agent, and what articles remained in the possession of the issuing agent,

Report, That the purchasing agent has remaining, three barrels rice, in the cellar of Mr. Conoisie, and seventeen barrels rice at

the plantation of Mr. Struthers. And that the issuing agent, has one pair steelyards; one wooden gallon measure and one half-bushel, the property of the public.

ORDERED, That Mr. Taylor be informed that Mr. Rolfes, is no longer in the department of purchasing agent, therefore he is hereby required to retain in his possession, whatever rice there may yet remain on his plantation, the property of the State. And that he be further required and ordered, not to let go, any part of the said rice, on any occasion whatever, but on the order of His Honor the Governor & Executive Council—

ORDERED, That Mr. Rolfes, purchasing Agent, be informed that the State hath no further occasion for his services in that department—Order served.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Friday April 18th 1783.

The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Honble. Jenkin Davis Esq. President

John Fulton	Zacharias Fenn	Esqrs.
Benjamin Andrew	John Morel	

WHEREAS, sundry weighty and important matters make it requisite that the Honorable the House of Assembly, be called previous to the day of their adjournment.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be advised and empowered to call the Honorable House of Assembly to meet in Savannah, in the County of Chatham, on Thursday the first day

of May next, to proceed on business of the State—and that he do issue his proclamation for that purpose accordingly.

Dissentient, Because I think the House of Assembly, tho' called together previous to the time of adjournment, yet it ought to be called to meet at Augusta, agreeable to their resolve at adjourning—

(signed) ZACHA^s FENN.

Adjourned till Tuesday next 10 o'Clock.

22nd April 1783.

The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Honble. Jenkin Davis Esq. Presid^t

John Fulton James Stuart Esq^rs

ORDERED, That Lieutenant Col^o Cooper be required to make a return to this Board of the expenditure and appropriation of the ten barrells rice, two bushels salt, thirty pair pistols, and one hundred and twenty flints, on or before the first day of May next.

Adjourned till Tuesday next 10 o'Clock.

Tuesday 29th April 1783.

The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Honble. Jenkin Davis Esq. Presidt

John Fulton James Stuart Esqrs.

ORDERED, That the proclamation received from His Excellency, the President of Congress, announcing the cessation of hostilities, and requiring strict obedience to be paid to the observance thereof, be published in the next Gazette of this State

Doctor Rehm and F. H. Bourquin, attended the Board and qualified as Magistrates for the district of Little Ogechee; in the County of Chatham.

Adjourned till Monday next 10 o'Clock.

Council Chamber 30th April 1783.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Thomas Netherclift and John Morel Esqrs. were qualified as Magistrates for the district of White Bluff, in the County of Chatham, pursuant to their appointment by this Board.

Monday 5. May '83.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

John Fulton
Zacharias Fenn
John Morel
James Stuart } Esqrs.

Petition Solomon Shad, praying permission to carry six barrels rice to St Augustine for defraying expences recovering three negroes in the Province of East Florida &^c^—Granted.

Petition Edward Davies, praying permission to ship, for Island St Thomas, a few barrels rice,—Granted.

Petition, Thomas Hogg, a British Merchant, praying permission to ship to East Florida, some provisions as other British Merchants had done &^c^.

ORDERED, That permission be granted him on the same conditions that Messr^s^ Owens & Thompsons &^c^ to wit, that he shall pay to the use of this State, or credit it if he has an account against twenty shillings specie per barrel, if rice, or in the same proportion if other grain. And also, that he give good assurance to this Board, that he will replace the same in quantity and kind, in this State from South Carolina, or elsewhere.

Petition William Stuart of North Carolina, for payment for a waggon and team sold to the late Governor for *£146*.

Lewis Cope produced his account of sundry articles of provisions provided for a public dinner last,

ORDERED, That the same shall be paid him.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

Tuesday 6th May 1783.

The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

John Fulton
James Bryan
Zacharias Fenn } Esqrs.

ORDERED, That a letter from His Honor the Governor, to His Excellency Patrick Tonyn, Esquire, Governor of East Florida, bearing date 21st April, and of which, the following is an exact copy, be published for the information and satisfaction of all concerned.

ORDERED, That the order of Council of 4th January last, be republished and continued in the Gazette of this for three weeks successively.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock—

7th May 1783.

Present

His Honor the Governor

John Fulton
James Stuart
Zacharias Fenn
James Bryan } Esqrs.

Petition James Belcher and Thomas Netherclift to proceed to St Augustine, and to carry with them, to bear their expences, eight barrels rice and fifty bushels corn—Granted to carry the rice, but not the corn,

On motion,

ORDERED, That the prohibition on exporting rice and other

kind of grain, be continued as set forth in the proclamation of His Honor the Governor, dated the till the first day of July next ensuing, unless otherwise ordered; and that the same be published in the Gazette of this State.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

The Board met 8th May 1783.

Present

His Honor the Governor

John Fulton Zacharias Fenn.

An order was granted to Andrew M'Lean to receive from the Commissary of Military Stores 138 shirts, 1092lb lead, 1036 flints, to send to the intended Treaty with the Indians. And for a barrel of rice from Corvoisie for provisions for the Commissioners.

Letter from the Commissioners of confiscated and amerced estates was read—desiring to know with what authorities they were vested. whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Commissioners are invested with full power and authority, and they are hereby directed and required to immediately collect the several amercements levied within this State, and where any partial indulgence hath been granted, on certain conditions, that the intent of said conditions be respected, and as soon as the time, by said conditions, is expired, that they do, forthwith, proceed as if no such condition had been made.

Petition of William Stuart, heretofore mentioned, was taken into consideration—Whereupon,

ORDERED, That an order on John Lindsay, now in North Carolina be given him, for the sum of one hundred and forty six pounds sterl^g being the amount of his bond, payable out of any public negroes he may have in possession, the property of this State.

ORDERED, That one barrel rice be granted to be sent to Augusta for the use of the Commissioners at the Indian Treaty.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Friday 9th May 1783.

The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

John Fulton Zacharias Fenn Esqrs.

The memorial of James Clark, late a citizen of this State, setting forth that he was far from being an obnoxious character, and not included in the bill of attainder, praying permission to bring his family into this state to reside,

ORDERED, That the permission be granted him accordingly.

Petition of James Greenhow, praying to be received a citizen of this State, was read and not determined.

Adjourned till Monday morning 10 o'Clock.

Monday morning 12th May 1783.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

John Fulton
Jenkin Davis
Zacharias Fenn } Esqrs.

The petition of Francis Corvoisie for payment of storage of rice, either in cash or said rice, was read, accompanied with an offer to purchase the rice remaining in his store, being five barrels, for which he would pay cash—Granted.

Petition of Edward Davies, in behalf of John Pooler & Co of St Thomas's, a Danish Island, setting forth that they had sent another valuable cargo of goods into this port, which would be sold on so reasonable an advance as would be a great relief to the citizens of this state and praying permission to load the said vessel, called the schooner Swift, whereof is Master, Thomas Brownlowe, with one hundred barrels rice—Granted—

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Tuesday 13th May 1783.

The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Honble. Jenkin Davis Presidt
John Fulton Zacharias Fenn. Esqrs.

Ordered, That the Collectors for the different ports, within

this state, be directed to admit it to entry and unloading all vessels having goods, wares and merchandizes on board, from all parts of the world, without distinction, till further orders.

The Board adjourned till the 12th June next; then to meet His Honor the Governor, in Council, at Augusta.

Augusta, In Council 12th June 1783.

The Board met as per adjournment 13th ult° at Savannah.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	Zacharias Fenn	Esqrs.
Walton Harris	John Fulton	

Ordered, That Robert Bonner be required to make a return, to this Board, tomorrow, of all such public property as may have come into his hands, either by delivery of the Quarter Master, his deputy or otherwise; And that Mr. Bonner be served with a copy hereof immediately—

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

13th June 1783.

The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	John Fulton	Esqrs.
Zacharias Fenn	Walton Harris	

Advised that His Honor the Governor do issue his proclama-

tion, forbidding all persons from travelling over, and marking trees, on the lands in this state, allotted for the Indians hunting ground; or going thro' the same to the Indian Nations without special leave and license first had and obtained for that purpose.

ORDERED, That Mr. Chesley Bostwick do attend this Board on Monday next 9 o'Clock.

ORDERED, That the Commissioners of confiscated estates do advertize for all persons, who have purchased any of said property, to comply with the conditions of sale in ten days.

Adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'Clock.

14th June—The Board met and adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'Clock.

15th June—The Board met as per adjournment.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	Walton Harris	Esquires.
Zacharias Fenn	John Fulton	

Petitions of Alexander Inglis, William McKimmy, James McKie, John Rose and Thomas Elfe, praying to be received, with their property, under the protection of this State—was read.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

Augusta 16th June 1783

The Board met per adjournment

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	John Fulton	Esquires.
Walton Harris	Zacharias Fenn	

ORDERED, That Colº James Martin do attend the Board to-morrow 9 o'Clock.

That Richard Henderson do attend the Board to-morrow 9 o'Clock.

That Robert Bonner and Patrick Jarvis do attend this Board to-morrow 9 o'Clock.

Chesley Bostwick attended the Board and informed of some public negroes.

Adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'Clock.

June 17th 1783. The Board met.

Present, His Honour the Governor

Jenkin Davis	Zacharias Fenn	Esquires.
John Fulton	Walton Harris	

Application of John Garret, for a negroe fellow, by an order from Colº Martin—inadmissible—

Robert Bonner attended the Board and made a return of public property left in his hands.

James Martin, Colº, attended the Board.

ORDERED, That the Commissioners of confiscated estates do collect the public property and have the same appraised by two freeholders in order for sale.

ORDERED, That Jenkin Davis and Zacharias Fenn, be a Committee from this Board to call on, and examine all persons who they may think have public property in their hands, or having knowledge of any, to make a return thereof to this Board.

Patrick Jarvis attended the Board.

RESOLVED, on the petitions of Alexander Inglis, and others, read the 15th instant—as follows.

That the act of Assembly of this State, proscribing certain persons therein named; and confiscating their estates, real and personal, is explicit and preemptory, and does not admit of any power or authority in the Executive Department of this Government to suspend its operation, either in whole or in part, from taking effect in its most extensive import.

RESOLVED, That every person in a similar predicament, under the act of the Legislature of South Carolina, or any other Sister State, and not proscribed in this, may, whilst they continue under that description, receive a temporary protection only; and must, from a due consideration of the federal union, be delivered up to such sister state, together with their personal property, whenever demanded.

RESOLVED, That until the definite treaty of peace, has absolutely taken place, and until the provisional articles in said Treaty contained, have, by Congress, been recommended, and adopted by this State; in their full meaning and extent, no person whatever, who is proscribed by the said act of confiscation, may, or can be admitted into the same, agreeable to the said act.

Adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'Clock.

June 18th. The Board met and adjourned till to-morrow.

June 19th The Board met as per adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	John Fulton	Esquires.
Walton Harris	Zacharias Fenn	

ORDERED, That Chesley Bostwick do attend this Board, on Tuesday next.

Petition of Francis Hancock, praying that he might be admitted a citizen of this State, and have a protection for himself and property—A temporary protection granted him.

ORDERED, That the Commissioners of confiscated property do collect all the negroes that have been hired out by order of the public of this State, since the commencing of the year 1781.

That the said Commissioners have the acts of land, late the property of Lachlan M. Gilvray, appraized by three freeholders, on oath.

Adjourned till Tuesday next 9 o'Clock.

June 24th 1783.

The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis, Walton Harris, Zacharias Fenn } Esquires—

ORDERED, That the Commissioners of confiscated estates, do sell the tract of land, late the property of Lachlan McGilvray; and what other public property may come into their hands, on Saturday next.

Remonstrances &c of sundry whig citizens &c respecting a certain Doctor McLeod, now residing in this State, under a temporary protection, was lately acting in the British services, and therein had rendered himself particularly offensive and obnoxious to the good people of this State, by administering (as it is said) poisonous medicines the unfortunate prisoners (american) &c was read.—

ORDERED, thereon, That such temporary protection as hath been granted to the said Donald McLeod, on his coming into this State continue for the space of ten days, after he has received a due notification hereof, and no longer. And that the Attorney General be, and he is hereby directed to give immediate notice hereof to him the said Donald McLeod &c that he remove from this State, within said time and take proper measures to enforce a compliance with this order.

ORDERED, That the Attorney General be, and he is hereby directed to take particular notice of all emigrants, and that such as are proscribed by the act of attainer, be immediately apprehended and committed to Jail, according to the direction of said act.

Adjourned till Wednesday 2nd July next.

Wednesday 2nd July.

The Board met, and having nothing material before them, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday 7th July.

The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	Walton Harris	Esqrs.
John Fulton	Zacharias Fenn	
John Morel		

The Board were informed that John Lindsay had brought some negroes from North Carolina,—Consideration thereon, postponed till to-morrow.

Letter from John Todd, praying to be permitted to return to this State—was read—Ordered to lie on the table—

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

N. B. The proceedings of Council, from the 12th June till this day, was wrote down by J. Davis Esquire; the Secretary being gone to Savannah, to carry the proclamation, calling the Assembly to Augusta &c, to be printed; to bring up some books and papers; and other business; and copied into the book by the Secretary on his return.

Thursday 8th July 1783.

The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	Walton Harris	Esquires.
Zacharias Fenn	John Fulton	
John Morel		

Message from His Honor the Governor, to the Honorable House of Assembly, this day convened—viz,

Mr. Speaker, and
Gentlemen of the Honorable House of Assembly,

Agreeable to the powers vested in me, I have called you together, that I might lay before you, such matters, as concern the welfare of the State, and require your immediate consideration—

So great an event as that of a general peace—having actually taken place between the bellignent powers, claims your first attention—An event, ordered by the decree of heaven, and brought about by means, which, thro' the various stages of a tedious and distressing war, were evidently marked with a concurrent display of Almighty Power, graciously presiding over us, and working wonders in our favour—An event, which proclaims the United States *Free, Sovereign,* and *Independent,* and surrounded with the blessings of an advantageous and honorable peace, will, when ratified, give us rank and dignity in the grand arrangement of Sovereign States and Empires.

The advantages of peace are so numerous, and so important, that whilst they demand from us, the most devout and fervent expressions of gratitude, to the supreme ruler of the universe; at the same time, cannot fail to inspire, sentiments and sincerest joy, at the opening of a scene so delightful, in prospect, and so

diffusive in its blessings—And on this occasion I beg leave to offer you my hearty congratulations—

Blessings, unless improved, change their nature; and neglected, will involve us in the severest calamities; We ought, therefore, to embrace the opportunity, and carefully attend to such objects and measures as may, by a wise regulation, be productive of permanent advantages to the community, both with regard to our good citizens, whose virtuous attachment, whilst they had in view this glorious period, suffered the severest trials: And also with regard to those who have unhappily merited our displeasure, by aiding in that scene of blood, which, we now hope, is forever closed.

Interest, Humanity, prudence and justice, will characterize your deliberations at this important crisis, and fix, with precision, such a criterion, respecting the property and persons of *real* British Subjects; and of those also, who were in districts, in possession of the King of Great Britains arms, and of every other description, that took place during the war, that there may remain no doubt, how each may be treated with propriety by the Executive Authority, on a peace being fully established.

I took the earliest opportunity of writing to the Governor of East Florida, a copy of which, will be laid before you; conveying those sentiments, which I conceived might be most for the interest and honor of the State, on the prospect of peace.

I have ordered to be laid before your honorable house, the principal matters respecting Indian Affairs, included in Treaty and accounts; and would observe, that it appears from the talk, and other information, received from the Creeks, that they seem to be displeased at the encroachments made on their hunting grounds,—They observe that numbers of people are frequently traveling over and marking trees, on the Oconee lands—

They are alarmed, and utterly decline making the cession we

hoped to obtain from them—They complain of being ill-treated when last among us: and they had reason to complain; for all their horses, 40 or 50 in number, were stole from them; and twelve head of cattle, their own property, brought down to purchase goods; besides 80 or 90 head belonging to the State, were also stole. If they are capable of feeling the inconveniency of being plundered of their property, to gratify a banditti of theives, they must, and we are well informed they do, resent the injury. Nor is it difficult to foresee, that unless some conciliating plan is adopted, we shall soon be precipitated into a war, which will greatly distress, if not ruin, the present settlers of this State: I must, therefore, recommend to your Honorable House to frame a law to restrain these enormities complained of, and to prohibit, under severe penalties, any person or persons travelling over, or marking trees, on their hunting grounds; or opening or carrying on any correspondence or intercourse whatever, with them; without special license from authority, for so doing— And also, to frame and establish such a system of commercial regulations, as may, under the conduct of respectable characters, at once afford an advantageous emolument in support of government, and prevent the many evils, which will otherwise, unavoidably ensue, from ignorant and ill designing men.

The various exigencies of government, and a discharge of such engagements as have been entered into without sufficient means at command, to answer those important purposes, call for the speedy aid of your Honorable House.

I have ordered an estimate to be laid before you, of the different demands on the public; and an account of the expenditures of such public monies as have been employed in answering the demands of the State, during the present administration; by which it will evidently appear, that it is absolutely necessary to devise ways and means for the discharge of public debts and support of Government. And I am persuaded, will induce your honorable house seriously to consider of the propriety and neces-

sity of laying a tax as may be commensurate to the ability of the good citizens of the State; to be paid at the return of the next crop, either in money or such specific articles of produce, as may answer the purpose of specie.

As to the confiscated property, there is reason to believe that the large claims, already preferred,— the gratuitous certificates, and those on audited accounts will, when applied, nearly, if not totally exhaust that fund. And at the same time I must recommend, that your Honorable House will adopt, and fix such regulations, as by being properly applied, will bring forward those resources of the State, which, at present, escape the Command of the Executive Authority. For this purpose, that you will consider the necessity of an act of Assembly to enable the Executive Authority to order, whenever necessary, a Special Court, to compel speedy and a certain compliance with just demands in favor of the public.

From a view of the profligate, and wicked lives of many in the community, it appears that some laws, to restrain vice, and encourage virtue, are of the highest importance to the welfare of the State. It being certain, that almost all the evils of government, originate from men of corrupt principles and abandoned manners. In addition, therefore, to wholesome laws, restraining vice; every encouragement ought to be given to introduce religion, and learned Clergy, to perform divine worship, in honor of God; and to cultivate principles of religion and virtue among our citizens— For this purpose, it will be your wisdom to lay an early foundation for endowing Seminaries of learning: nor can you, I conceive, lay in a better, than by a grant of a sufficient tract of land, that may, as in other governments, hereafter, by lease or otherwise, raise a revenue, sufficient to support such valuable institutions. And here I must remind you of some provision of this kind, made under a former government here; and to consider how it has been disposed of— And also, if there is not, at this time, a very considerable property in the hands of indi-

viduals, which ought to be drawn forth and applied, under the direction and management of this State, in the promotion of learning and piety.

Courts of Justice are essential to guard the liberties, and vindicate the rights of a free people. The suspension, therefore, of the Chief Justice, on his refusing to receive the presentments of the Grand Jury, was a measure, which the Executive Authority of Government, found themselves under the disagreeable necessity to order, in faithfulness to the trust reposed in them, but at the same time lamented the unhappy occasion. I have to submit to your Honorable House the propriety of a resolution, or the filling that important office according to your wisdom.

I must also recommend to your consideration, a revision of the law of this State, for opening the land office, as a matter that requires the most serious deliberation— It ought to be framed on the wisest principles, to guard against monopoly, to encourage population, and also to secure the future resources of the State,— In this last view, it is our opportunity, which, if once neglected, will be irretrievably lost forever.

In the recess of your Honorable House, I have received dispatches from Congress, which will be laid before you, recommending such measures as our connection with that Honorable Body, require us to adopt. and ought, without delay, to be attended to.—

In the course of your deliberations, you will, no doubt, consider how far, *in equity*, honest debtors shall be compelled to pay an interest on debts, contracted previous to the war; and which, it was impossible for them to discharge during that period, by reason of the War— And, I also request, that you will fix some regulations respecting the certificates issued pursuant to law, as gratuities to officers &C and those issued on audited accounts: and decide how far they shall be received to discharge, interest par-

ticularly, as well as principal on bonds given for the purchase of confiscated property and at what period of time, they shall respectively be considered as payment: Also whether the temporary certificates given by the Auditor General, on accounts by him audited, against the State, for supplies or otherwise, shall not be received in payment as above required, when transferred or negociated.

I must, lastly, recommend to your Honorable House, an early attention to the state and condition of our Soldiery; the disposal of the State Galley; and a proper deposit of the remains of war A war, which was terminated in glory, and placed us in the open view of new scenes, which require the wisest deliberations, that we may at once, with ease to the citizens, and honor to the State, discharge our engagements, and secure to ourselves and posterity, the blessings of a permanent peace.

Council Chamber Augusta }
8th July 1783 }

Nothing material before the Board, they adjourned till July 9th 1783.

July 9th 1783. The Board met as per adjournment.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	Zacharias Fenn	Esquires.
Walton Harris	John Morel	
John Fulton		

Adjourned till the 10th and from thence to the 11th July 1783.

July 11th 1783.

ORDERED That the memorial and petitions of Mackie, Mc-Kemmy and Elfe, with a letter from Colo Martin, be referred, by Committee, to the Honorable House of Assembly, and that Mr. Harris and Mr. Fenn be that Committee.

Message from His Honor the Governor to the Honorable the House of Assembly, by the Secretary to the Council.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen &C.

The several letters from Generals Greene and Wayne, and also a letter from the Attorney General, are herewith transmitted to your Honorable House for your information on their contents.

Council Chamber, Augusta
11th July 1783.

ORDERED, That Mr. George Eimbeck be appointed to collect, receive and take into his possession and custody, all the military stores, in this State, belonging to the same, or to the Continent at large.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

Augusta 12th July 1783.

The Board met &c.

Present

Honorable Jenkin Davis Esq. President

Walton Harris, Zacharias Fenn, John Fulton, John Morel } Esquires.

A Bill to empower certain Commissioners herein appointed to

regulate the hire of porters and labour of slaves in the Town of Savannah, was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Robinson and Mr. Irwin a Committee.

Memorial of Danold McLeod was read, praying the further protection of the State, until a full and clear investigation of his character can be had &c.

ORDERED, That it be referred to the Honorable House of Assembly.

Petition of Col^o James McNeil for bounty land for himself and the Regiment— was read— Ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned till Monday next 9 o'Clock.

Monday 14th July 1783.

The Board met.

Present

Honorable Jenkin Davis Esquire President

John Fulton, Zacharias Fenn, John Morel, Walton Harris } Esquires

ORDERED, That Mr. Harris and Mr. Morel be a committee to return the bill brought up from the House of Assembly on the 12th with the following amendments, to wit,

The Council are of opinion, that an explanatory clause should be added to the first paragraph, to remove doubts arising from the words contained in the six last lines of the said paragraph: And that the clause be, "provided nevertheless, that any person or persons having a slave or slaves of their own, may employ

them at any time or times, in preference to hiring any of the said licensed laborers, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding."

The Council are of opinion, that the words "the several" in the latter part of the third, or former part of the fourth line, of the third paragraph, are superfluous; and that in the eighth line of the fourth paragraph, there appears to be wanting, some word to be read between the words "every" and "for"

The Council recommend that a revision or amendment be made in the 12th line of the aforesaid fourth paragraph, on the words "or employ any slave to sell fruit except fish."

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

In Council Augusta 15th July 1783.

Present

Honorable Jenkin Davis Esquire President

John Morel
Walton Harris
Zacharias Fenn } Esquires.

A Bill to continue the laws of this State, near expiring: was brought up from the House of Assembly, by a Committee Mr. Ware and Mr. Burnett.

Board adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock

The following message was sent up from His Honor the Governor to the Honorable the House of Assembly, by the Secretary of Council.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen &c.

I have to request your Honorable House will appoint Counsellors for the Counties of Liberty, Richmond and Wilkes, in room of Benjamin Andrew, Charles Crawford and James Little Esquires resigned. Also, that your Honorable House will make provision for their support; and determine the daily or other pay that shall be allowed them during their attendance at the Board.

Council Chamber
Augusta 15th July 1783.

16th July 1783.

The Board met.

Present

Honorable Jenkin Davis Esquire, President

Walton Harris
John Morel
John Fulton
Zacharias Fenn
} Esquires.

The Bill to continue the laws of this State, near expiring, was ordered to be returned to the Honorable House of Assembly, without any amendment, by Mr. Fenn and Mr. Harris a Committee.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

17th July 1783.

The Board met.

Present,

Honorable Jenkin Davis Esquire President

Zacharias Fenn	Walton Harris	Esquires.
John Morel	John Fulton	

Message from the Honble. the President, to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen,

Having received information that there are numbers of people daily coming into this State from South Carolina and East Florida, of infamous characters and dangerous principles, whereby the peaceable inhabitants are in continual danger of their lives and loss of property I have to request your Honorable House may take the same into your immediate consideration. Also, that your Honorable House may appoint Commissioners of the roads for the different Counties.

Council Chamber,
Augusta 17th July 1783.

House of Assembly July 12th 1783.

Resolved, That His Honor the Governor and Executive Council, be requested to fall upon some safe and effectual mode to have public records and papers brought back from the Northward, to this State; and that they be authorized and empowered to employ any fit person or persons to undertake this business; and therefore, to pay the same out of any monies which may come into the Treasury by Taxes, transient duties, or otherwise.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas

Elfe, James M^c^Kay, William M^c^Kimmy and John Rose, praying to be admitted to settle in this State, although included in the confiscation act of South Carolina, which, after some amendments was agreed to, and is as follows.

That they are of opinion, that as the General Assembly of that State is now sitting, some reciprocal mode ought to be concerted and adopted between the two states for persons in such situations; but in the mean time, the persons and property of those who have thrown themselves on our mercy, ought to be protected. With respect to that part of the petition of John Rose praying protection and security for his property in this State: Your Committee see no objection to granting the same.

Ext. from the minutes

(Signed) Jn° Wilkinson C. G. A.

On representation being made to the Board, by the Honorable Benjamin Lanier Esqr. one of the Assistant Justices for the County of Effingham, that a Magistrate is wanting for the upper district of the said County on Ogechee, and withal recommended Drury Jones as a fit and proper person for the same—Therefore,

Ordered, That the said Drury Jones be appointed a Magistrate for the said County, and he is hereby appointed accordingly.

Petition of George Wyche was read, praying a decree in his favor to close lines of a piece of land on Savannah River, near Spirit Creek, claimed and held by Chesley Bostwick,—Thereupon,

Ordered, That as the said dispute is in nature of a caveat, it be referred to the Court where Caveats are heard and determined.

Adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'Clock at which time the Board met, and having nothing material before them adjourned till July 19th 1783.

July 19th 1783. The Board met accordingly.

Present,

Honorable Jenkin Davis Esquire President

John Morel
Walton Harris
Zacharias Fenn } Esquires.

WHEREAS, it hath been represented to this Board, that there are books and papers relative to the taking up lands in the County of Wilkes, otherwise called, the ceded lands; in the custody, possession or knowledge of a certain Joseph Mattocks in the said County.

ORDERED, That the said Joseph Mattocks, do forthwith deliver, or cause to be delivered to Walton Harris Esquire, all and singular the said books and papers; and all other and every evidence respecting, touching or concerning the said ceded lands.

Adjourned till Monday next 9 o'Clock.

July 21st 1783. The Board met accordingly.

Present

Honorable Jenkin Davis Esquire President

John Fulton	John Morel	Esquires.
Zacharias Fenn	Walton Harris	

Sundry letters and papers forwarded by His Honor the Governor, received from their Excellencies the President of Congress and the Commander in Chief, was read— and

Ordered, to be laid before the Honorable House of Assembly, accompanied by the following Message from His Honor the President.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen, &c.

His Honor the Governor having received dispatches from His Excellency the President of Congress, and from His Excellency the Commander in Chief hath transmitted them to this Board. I have ordered them to be laid before your Honorable House without delay.

Council Chamber
Augusta 21st July 1783.

The following Bills were brought up from the House of Assembly, by Mr. William Gibbons Junr and Mr. Harper.

Bill for laying a duty on transient trade, and also a duty on vendues, and for the more effectual recovery of arrears due and owing this State on acts passed to that effect— also

Bill to amend an act for laying out a road through Newington Village.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

July 22d 1783. The Board met, and after perusing the two bills brought up yesterday and returning them without amendment, by Mr. Fulton and Mr. Morel,

Adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'Clock.

July 23rd 1783.

The Board met.

Present

His Honor the President

Zacharias Fenn	John Fulton	Esquires.
Walton Harris	John Morel	

A Bill to relieve certain persons therein described &c. &c. was brought up from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ware and Mr. Fenn.

Adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'Clock.

July 24th 1783.

Present

His Honor the President

John Morel	Zacharias Fenn	Esquires.
Walton Harris		

Mr. Morel and Mr. Harris, a committee from the Board, returned to the House of Assembly, the Bill to relieve certain persons &c. &c. &c. without any amendment.

House of Assembly 23rd July 1783.

The Committee to whom was referred a letter from James Stuart, Attorney for McCartan Campbell,

Reported, and after some amendments made thereto, the House agreed to the same, and is as follows, viz,

That they having made enquiry of the Committee and find that not a slave, from his Carolina State, was amerced at the time of valuation being made, there was not any demand or claim; and that they employed persons to appraise the estate that was well acquainted with the situation of it. Your Committee are of opinion the said amercement ought to be paid agreeable to an act made for that purpose.

Extract from the Minutes.

(Copy) Jno Wilkinson C. G. A.

Ordered, That the Commissioners of confiscated and amerced estates be required to make and execute sufficient titles, to General John Twiggs, for a house and lot in the Town of Augusta, knocked off to him some time since at public auction, he having complied with the conditions of sale.

Ordered, that the Commissioners of Confiscated and amerced estates do immediately enact the said amercement agreeable to an act for that purpose made and provided.

Adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'Clock.

25th July 1783. The Board met.

Present,

His Honor the President

John Fulton	John Morel	} Esquires.
Zacharias Fenn	Walton Harris	

Bill to amend the land act was brought.

Nothing material before the Board, adjourned till 26th and from thence to the 27th and from thence to the 28th July, then met as above.

Bill for laying out the reserve land in the Town of Augusta into acre lots; the erecting an academy or seminary of learning and other purposes therein mentioned, was brought by Mr. Emanuel and Mr. Pugh.

29th July 1783.

Bill for raising the sum of £:-:- by imposing a tax on the inhabitants of the State of Georgia, was brought up by Mr. Alexander and Mr. Middleton.

The Bill entitled "A Bill to repeal and amend some part of an "act entitled "An act for opening a land office" was taken into consideration and sent down to the House by Mr. Morel and Mr. Harris, with the following remarks.

The Council are of opinion, and again recommend, that the clause of paragraph in the said act, empowering the Justices in the respective Counties to issue warrants for lands, ought to be

repealed, and that the issuing the same revert to the former channel, that is to say, that it ought to go through the Governor and Council as formerly.

The Council are of opinion that the second clause or paragraph of the said amendment begins abruptly. and the words "and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid" be the beginning of the said clause of paragraph. And that the word "head" in the seventh line of the third paragraph be erased, and the word "hand" inserted there instead.

The Bill for laying out the reserved land in the Town of Augusta into acre lots, the erecting an academy, or seminary of learning, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was sent to the House by Mr. Morel and Mr. Harris without remark or amendments.

The Bill for the purpose of raising the sum of £: : by imposing a tax on the inhabitants of the State of Georgia, for the use and support of the government thereof, from the first day of January last to the thirty first day of January 1784, was returned to the House by Mr. Morel and Mr. Harris, with the following proposed amendments, to wit,

The Council observe with much concern, the backwardness of the Honorable House of Assembly in taxing their constituents and themselves. They are induced to offer, to their serious and deliberate consideration, how inadequate to the great and pressing exigencies of this State such a small sum will be as one quarter of a dollar, therein mentioned. They would suggest to the Honorable House the absolute necessity of a *sufficient,* as well as speedy tax being laid upon the inhabitants of this State; or the government thereof must inevitably fall into extreme distress and confusion. The letter forwarded to your Honorable House at your last sitting, from the Honorable Major General Greene; the many and pressing remonstrances from the Superintendant of

Finance; the letter from his Excellency the Commander in Chief and that from His Excellency the President of Congress; all, earnestly urge, and evidently demonstrate the necessity of a tax: and your own observations will certainly dictate the sufficiency or insufficiency thereof. The Council cannot think your Honorable House will turn a deaf ear to so many great, wise and disinterested characters; all pressing you to consult the case of your constituents, by degrees lightening their burthens, by an early adopting taxation.

The Council will not insult your judgement, prudence and regard for those you represent by making use of any more arguments to invite or persuade your Honorable House to endeavor to deprecate our distresses numerous debts, and our many obligations, by reconciling it to yourselves to lay a tax of, at least on half a dollar on every negroe, Mulatto or other slave, and one half dollar on every Town lot in lieu of the quarter of a dollar mentioned in and by said Bill.

ORDERED, That the following persons (being thereunto recommended) be, and they are hereby appointed Commissioners of the several roads within this State. viz,

Chatham County—White Bluff Road; John Houston, John Morel, Thomas Netherclift and Nath[l] Adams.

Western Road, as far as black-creek—William Bryan, John Morel, Joseph Cuthbert and Richard Guinn—

Effingham County — Western Road — William Holzendorf, John Eigle, Jenkin Davis, John Gravenstine, Lewis Morgan, David Thorn, Caleb Howell, Theophilus Lundy.

Ogechee Road—Benjamin Lanier Sen[r], John Meazles, Drury Jones, James Cook, Clifton Bowen, Frederic Reifton.

Burke County—River Road— Raymond Demere, John Greene, Edward Telfair.

Quaker Road—Caleb Cox, Francis Boykin, Abner Bickham, Thomas Lewis Senr, Thomas Lewis Junr. John Duhart, John Sharp, James Lambert, Williams, Jacob Lewis, William Lord.—

From Burke County Court House to Rocky Comfort.—Roger Lawson, Jared Irwin, Blasingham Harvey, John Clements, Samuel Barron and Matthew Jordan.

From Buck-Head to the Quaker Road.—James Pugh, Reuben Lett, Matthias Gray.

From Queensborough down Ogechee to Horse Creek.—Lemuel Lanier, John Jones, John Lott, Francis Pugh, Zebulon Cox, Daniel McMurphy, Stephen Johnston, Patrick Carr.

From McBean to Odums Ferry & from thence to Rocky Creek. —Job Price, Hall Hudson, John Stallings.

Richmond County—from McBeans to Augusta—Robert Jones, Breton Dawson, Robert Bonner.

From the Sand-Bar to Raes Creek.—William Glascock, Peter Parris.

From Raes Creek to Little River — Wm Simms, Thos Greer sen^{r}, James Mc Neil, Wm Few, sen^{r}, John Stuart.

From Brownsborough to Wrightsborough.—Benjamin Few, Charles Burke, and William Candler.

From Thos Greer's to the Cherokee Path, near the mouth of Little River.—John Germany, Samuel Payne.

From Augusta to Wrightsborough by Isaac Lowe's.—Isaac Lowe, sen^{r} David Walker, Greensbury Lee, Samuel Willson, Simon Bickham—

From Wrightsborough to Savannah Town on Little Briar Creek.—David Robinson, John Smith, Nathan Harris.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

30th July. The Board met and adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'Clock.

31st July. The Board met and adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'Clock.

1st August 1783. The Board met as per adjournment 31st ult°

Present

The Honorable the President.

John Fulton	Zacharias Fenn	Esquires.
Walton Harris	John Morel	

General Twiggs produced his account of sundries, and at the same paid the balance due the State thereon to the President £11. 13. 9

Ordered, That the Commissioners of confiscated and amerced estates do pay or cause to be paid to James Fox or order, as soon as possible, the sum of five pounds specie, being the sum allowed him for seven weeks hire of a room for a Council Chamber.

2nd August 1783.

Littleberry Bostwick produced to the Board, his appointment as Justice of the peace, in addition to those already appointed, for the County of Richmond— and was qualified accordingly.

Ordered, That the Commissioners of confiscated property do pay, or cause to be paid, out of the monies arising from the persons amerced, to Robert Bonner or order whatever ballance shall remain on a settlement with him for two hundred bushels corn, by him paid for, in behalf of the public in the year 1781.

Whereas it hath been represented to this Board, that Magistrates are wanting in addition to those already appointed for the Town of Augusta in the County of Richmond, and the Honorable House of Assembly having adjourned without supplying the said deficiency,

Ordered, That Major George Handley and Colº Samuel Jack be appointed Justices of the peace for the Town of Augusta aforesaid, in addition to those already appointed.

George Handley and Samuel Jack Esquires attended the Board and qualified as Magistrates for Richmond County; as did also, Hepworth Carter Esquire, for the County of Liberty.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday 12th Instant, then to meet His Honour the Governor, at the Government House, Savannah.

Government House

Savannah 12th August 1783.

The Board met agreeable to adjournment 2nd Instant.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis, James Bryan, John Fulton } Esquires.

Nothing before the Board they adjourned till to-morrow.

13th August 1783.

The Board met as yesterday

WHEREAS, application hath been made to this Board, by the Attorney General for a return of all persons liable to bear arms in the County of Chatham, distinguishing their age and occupation, in order that jury lists may be made out agreeable to law against the ensuing Courts.

ORDERED, That the Commanding Officer of the Chatham County Militia, do immediately require the Captain, or other officer, commanding companies, to make out, and deliver to him an exact list of all persons serving under their command and enrolled in their companies, under the regulation above set forth, for the purpose aforesaid.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday next 10 o'Clock.

William Gibbons senr Esquire attended His Honor the Governor, in the Council Chamber, and was, by the Secretary of the Council sworn as an Assistant Justice for the County of Chatham.

19th August 1783.

The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	John Fulton	Esquires.
James Bryan	John Morel	

John Martin Esquire attended the Board, qualified and gave bond as Treasurer of this State.

In Council, Savannah 19th August 1783.

John Godlieb Neidlinger attended the Board and qualified as a Magistrate for the County of Effingham.

Ordered, That the Messenger do acquaint the Clerk of the Assembly that he is required to attend this Board with the Journals of that House to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Whereas, by an act of Assembly of this State, entitled "An act for inflicting penalties on, and confiscating the estates of, such persons as are therein declared guilty of treason, and for other purposes therein mentioned," it is, among other things, enacted, "That if any of the persons mentioned in said act, shall remain in this State, sixty days after the passing of this act, or "shall "return to this State, the Governor or Commander in Chief for "the time being, is hereby authorized and required to cause the "persons so remaining in, or returning to this State, to be appre-"hended and committed to Jail, there to remain, without bail or "mainprize, until a convenient opportunity shall offer, for trans-"porting the said person or persons beyond the Sea's to some "part of the British Kings dominions; which the Governor or "Commander in Chief for the time being, is hereby required to "do; and if any of the said persons shall return to this State "after such transportation, then and in such case, he or they "shall be adjudged, and they are hereby declared to be guilty "of felony, and shall, on conviction of their having so returned "as aforesaid, suffer death without benefit of Clergy.

And whereas, since the making and passing of said act, the General Assembly of this State, at their late Sessions, to wit, at Augusta, did resolve, that John Glenn, Thomas Young, Thomas Gibbons, James Spalding, Levi Sheftall, and others who are named in the said act, should be taken therefrom, and put on the Bill of amercement.

And whereas, no bill of amercement hath been passed since making the said resolution, on which arose a question, viz, whether the aforesaid act for inflicting penalties &c. so far as relates to those persons mentioned in said resolution is and ought to be considered as repealed. And the Attorney General, (being thereunto required by this Board) gave his opinion thereon, and is as follows Viz.

"I have perused the resolutions of the Honorable the House "of Assembly passed at Augusta, respecting the aforesaid per-"sons; and in answer to the question proposed by His Honor "the Governor, I must remark, that I *do not* conceive that the "aforesaid resolutions, can in any point of view, suspend the "operation of the act of confiscation and banishment with respect "to any persons mentioned in the aforesaid bill and named in the "said resolution. No law can be altered, amended, dispensed "with, suspended or repealed, but in the same forms, and by the "same authority; for it is a maxim in law, that it requires same "strength to dissolve, as to create an obligation.

(signed) SAM[l] STIRK Atty Gen[l]

Whereupon, this Board are unanimously of opinion, and do advise His Honor the Governor, to cause the said act of confiscation and banishment to be put in strict execution, agreeable to the letter and spirit thereof.

ORDERED, That James Cochran and Thomas Taylor, be appointed Commissioners of the Ogechee Road, in room of Fred-

eric Rolfes deceased, and William Struthers departed this State, in addition to those already appointed.

House of Assembly 15th July 1783.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor, and Council be recommended and requested to transmit to the Executive and Legislative powers and departments in every state in the United States, a list of persons, at this time, within our act of atainder, banishment and confiscation; and request a list from them. of persons named in their law; so that by this correspondence each state may know, or be informed from time to time, what is done by each State, relative to those persons so proscribed.

Extract from the minutes

(signed) JNO WILKINSON C. G. A.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

20th August 1783. The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis
James Bryan
John Fulton

Charles Odingsells Esquire, one of the Commissioners of forfeited estates, this day wrote a resignation to this Board.

On application of James White, a Continental, maim'd Soldier, belonging to the Georgia Line, for necessaries.

ORDERED, That Mr. Eimbeck, keeper of the public store, do supply him oznabgs for two shirts and two pair of trousers; one pair of shoes and cloth for a jacket; to be charged him in account.

WHEREAS, there has been of late, a number of violent robberies and depredations committed by a lawless, armed banditti of ruffians, who are, frequently way-laying, plundering and robbing the peaceable citizens of this State. To remedy which evil, it is the opinion of this Board, that some speedy measures should be adopted, and accordingly advise, that His Honor the Governor do issue orders to the commanding Officers of the respective regiments, to detach, on patrole duty, an officers guard, or such number of men as they shall judge sufficient to patrole by day and night; and to appredend all such robbers and plunderers, and them secure, in the most effectual manner, that justice may be done.

And whereas, there are a number of emigrants daily ariving in this State; that the said patrole shall take up such they shall find and convey them before some Magistrate to be examined and to be dealt with as the law, and safety of the State requires.

N. B. This, with a letter, was sent to the different Colo^{s} Com^{dg} Regiments

Adjourned till 26th Instant, no business on hand, the Board met and adjourned till 2nd September 1783.

2nd September 1783. The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis, Walton Harris, James Bryan } Esquires.

Proposals of James Weatherford, offering to take command of a party of men, to protect the inhabitants from plunderers &C; was read—

The Board taking into consideration the case of the State Galley, and being informed that she would soon decay for want of being made use of, resolved that the same be sold. Whereupon,

ORDERED, That John Kell, a licensed auctioneer, do put up the said Galley, with all her rigging, tackle and furniture, at public auction, on Tuesday next, to be sold for cash only. The property not be altered till the terms are complied with.

Pursuant to resolve of the Honorable House of Assembly at Augusta, dated the day of July last, His Honor the Governor drew an order on M^c^Cartan Campbell, for one hundred pounds sterling, if so much should be found due on his amercement, payable to the Honorable George Walton Esquire, as Chief Justice.

Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'Clock.

3rd September 1783.

The Board met and having nothing material before them they adjourned till Tuesday next

MEMORANDUM.

Gave George Eimbeck an order to receive rations viz, 2^b^ beef per diem. (from L. Cops) he to be accountable to the State, to be charged by said Cope. Omitted from 1st Instant.

Gave Lieutenant M^c^Lean, of Little Ogechee, an order on Mr. Eimbeck, Keeper of the military stores, for six pair pistols; to be accountable for when thereunto required. Omitted from the 5th Instant.

9th September 1783. The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	James Bryan	} Esquires.
Walton Harris	James Stuart	

Petition James Douglass, praying to have a house and lot in Broughton Street, (sold as the property of Samuel Douglass, proscribed) given up to him, the same, as he alledges, being given to him by the said Samuel, in the year 1777, as part payment for his services.

ORDERED, That the same be referred the Board of claims.

Letter from Captain James McCay, representing that the crop of rice on the estate of John B. Maxwell cannot be got in, without assurances can be given, that the negroes will not be sold or carried away.

The Board, on mature consideration of the primises, were unanimously of opinion that the crop of rice, made on lands, late the property of the said John, and by negroes, late deemed the property of the same, ought to be secured as the property of this State. Whereupon,

ORDERED, That the said Captain James Mackay, be empowered to collect the said negroes (said to be squandered.) and authorized to retain them under his care and management for the purpose of securing the said crop of rice as before mentioned.

Letter from John Milton Secy, praying an order on James Mossman for the sum of fifty pounds, out of his amercement, to be in part of his salary due the said John Milton.

Petition of Francis Davis, praying to be admitted a Measurer and culler of lumber in the County of Chatham. Was read—Granted—and sworn accordingly.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'Clock.

10 September 1783.

The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis
John Fulton
Walton Harris

ORDERED, That George Rolfes do deliver up a note of hand given by Wm Struthers to Frederic Rolfes, deceased; for £ as the same has been paid to the order of Council.

ORDERED, That Major Habersham be requested to furnish this Board with a return of the public Horses, he received at several times into service.

ORDERED, That James Myers be requested to render an account to this Board, respecting a public horse, he bought, as it is said of Nehemiah Wade D. Q. M.

ORDERED, That John Kell, lawfull Auctioneer, be requested to transmit to this Board, the bond or other obligation he took from John Dollar, for the payment of the rent of Ogechee Ferry.

Adjourned till Thursday 18th.

Thursday the 18th The Board met and having nothing material on hand, they adjourned till Tuesday the 23rd

The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	John Morel	} Esquires.
John Fulton	Walton Harris	

The Board proceeded to the choice of a person to supply the vacancy in the Board of Commissioners of confiscated estates, in the room of Charles Odingsells Esquire resigned; and Hepworth Carter Esquire was chosen.

Petition of Edward Davies, requesting the Board would ascertain what shall be allowed him as Auditor General &c., in time past.

Referred to the next Council day when the petition will be heard.

Petition Robert Grier, praying a new order in lieu of one purchased by him of Peter Parris, for six cows and calves, given on the Commissioners of confiscated estates; and by the said petitioner lost or mislaid.

Ordered, thereon, that he may have an order similar to, and in lieu of, the said order so lost or mislaid.

Ordered, That the public vendue House be leased on Tuesday next, by the Commissioners of confiscated estates, untill the first day of January next; And also the buildings erected on the bay by James Herriott (proscribed) to be sold on that day, for cash only.

Ordered, That John Kell, Auctioneer, be requested to put up at public outcry, the Galley, Sailors Delight, belonging to this State to be sold for cash or credit.

James Weatherford, produced an affidavit taken by Joseph

Pierce Junr, that he believed a certain wench &^{c}. was the property of the said Jos. and also his own affidavit to the same purport.

The Board are unanimously of opinion, that the proof is insufficient; and that the said James do satisfy this Board how he came by the said property.

Adjourned till Tuesday 30th September, at which time they met.

30th September 1783. The Board met

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	John Fulton	Esquires.
Walton Harris	John Morel	

John Wilkinson attended the Board and produced a resolved of the Honorable House of Assembly in his favour respecting his certificates and audited accounts, making the same a lawful payment for any purchase he might have made at the sales of confiscated estates; and offering full payment for a purchase he made near Thunderbolt; but not having been able to ascertain the boundary line, of the said tract, yet this is looked on as a lawful tender of the said payment; to be accepted when the contents can be known.

Petition Joseph Fox, in favor of John Fox, his brother (proscribed) praying that a negroe boy, who deserted him, when he was here in a Flag from East Florida might be returned him—was read—postponed.

Petition of Ezekil Stallings was read—claiming some negroes as the reward of services rendered by himself & brother.

Application of Charles Odingsells for land due him as refugee agreeable to an act of Assembly, having produced a certificate from Gen[l] Marion, of having faithfully exerted his abilities under him as Captain and Brigade Major.

The Board are of opinion that he is highly deserving of the land he applies for, on account as well of the said act, as for the faithful discharge of his abilities in the cause of his Country and freedom. And that His Honor the Governor, be requested to sign him a certificate for that purpose accordingly.

Commodore Bowen attended the Board and offered some arguments why he should be entitled to *land* among other *emoluments* as a Colonel of Foot. Referred till this day se'enight.

Captain John Dollar being called before the Council, respecting his purchasing the occupancy of Ogechee Ferry, which was sold him at the rate of £120. per annum.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 8 o'Clock.

October 1st 1783. The Board met

Present, His Honor the Governor.

Jenkin Davis	John Morel	} Esquires.
Walton Harris	John Fulton	

Hepworth Carter Esquire, attended the Board, was qualified and gave security as Commissioner for the confiscated estate, &[c].

Petition of Ezekiel Stallings, on account of himself and brother was taken into consideration—Whereupon,

Ordered, That the final determination thereof be postponed

till some resolve respecting the deranging the State Legionary Troops, can be had for guidance.

Application Mr. John Garrett, respecting a quantity of liquor supplied the army under General Wayne, was taken into consideration. Referred to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

2nd October 1783. The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor.

Jenkin Davis	John Fulton	} Esquires.
Walton Harris	John Morel	

ORDERED, That the Commissioners of forfeited estates do endeavour, by all means in their power, to collect all the public property, such as negroes, waggons, waggon wheels, horses and guns, that can be found, and expose the same to public sale for cash only.

ORDERED, That the said Commissioners do also, expose at public sale, or otherwise, after due notice being given thereof, one house and lot at yamacraw late the property of John J. Zubly decd; one house and lot in Savannah, late the property of Alexander Willey; two and a half lots in Savannah, late the property of John Graham; one house and lot in Savannah, late the property of Bazil Cowper; one house and lot at yamacraw, late the property of John Glenn; one house and lot on the Bay, in the tenure of Thomas Mills, and two tracts of land on Hutchison's Island, late the property of Lachlan McGilvray; all of which premises have been already sold as confiscated property, and relinquished to the State, or not complied for by the several purchasers thereof, pursuant to an act of the General Assembly,

passed at Augusta, on the 29th July, last; for cash only, to be paid in gold and silver, to the acceptance of the Council, for the purpose of making good, engagements entered into on behalf of the state, for defraying the expences of the Members attending the Board, and to answer other, the exigencies of Government &c. &c.

ORDERED, That the said Commissioners do, forthwith, collect all the several sums of money, due by virtue of the amercement act, and in case of refusal or neglect of the payment thereof, that the said Commissioners do immeditely seize on, and dispose of, the property real and personal of every such offender, without admitting any manner of excuse or shewing any further indulgence.

Adjourned till Wednesday 8th October.

No Council met on the 8th.

In Council October 14th 1783.

Present, His Honor the Governor.

Jenkin Davis, John Fulton, John Morel, Walton Harris. } Esquires.

ORDERED, That the Commissioners of confiscated property have the houses, lots and tracts of land, advertized for sale, appraised by three freeholders; likewise the public salt, corn and negroe cloth.

ORDERED, That all persons who are liable to the pains and pen-

alties of the act of banishment and confiscation, do immediately depart this State; and it is hereby required that immediate information be given of all persons who shall harbour or conceal any person or persons, who are included, or liable to be included in the act of banishment and confiscation of this State.

Copy of order sent the Attorney General.

SIR,

You are hereby directed to have the names of all such persons as are included in the act of attainder, their heirs or devisees, who have, as yet, not been named, to be properly named and certified in the several Counties within this State, and a return thereof to be made to this Board.

By order &c. &c.

In Council Savannah 15th October 1783.

Present, His Honor the Governor.

Jenkin Davis	John Fulton	} Esquires
Walton Harris	John Morel	

ORDERED, That the Commssioners of confiscated estates do advertize in the Gazette of this State, to receive proposals for the purchase of the houses, lots and land, advertised for sale on monday last, for cash; and to make return of such offers as shall be made to them, to this Board, on or before Tuesday next; and that the said premises be sold on that or the following day, o the highest bidder.—

Colo John Martin appointed by the Honorable the Legislature one of the Commissioners for Indian Affairs, having declined acting as such for the future; and Brigadier Lachlan McIntosh, appointed also as above, having signified to this Board, that it is not in his power to attend the Treaty with the Indians at Au-

gusta: His Honor the Governor has informed this Board, that the remaining Commissioners are desirous that an appointment should be made of some Gentlemen to supply the vacancies that now is, and may happen at the said Treaty by neglect or refusal to act; the Board taking the same into consideration, have nominated and appointed the following persons to supply the vacancy aforesaid, in the following order, viz, The Honble. Andrew Burnes, William Glascock, & Charles Crawford Esquires to be Commissioners, one or more of whom to join with those present so as to make a sufficient number to constitute a Board.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning.

The Board met 16th October, and adjourned till Tuesday next 9 o'Clock.

The Board met 21st October. as per adjournment

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	Walton Harris	Esquires.
John Fulton	John Morel	

Petition William Webb, praying permission to remain in this State—was read and rejected.

Petition Colº James McNeil, praying certificates for sundry officers and men, to obtain land—was read—

Ordered thereon, that the papers produced as vouchers for the said claims were insufficient.

Ordered, That the Commissioners of confiscated estates re-

ceive proposals at the Vendue House, for the purchase of the houses, lots and lands advertized for sale this day and that the persons making the highest offers for any of the premises, be directed to apply to this Board this afternoon, between the hours of 4 and 6 and lay their offers & proposals before them; and in case they are accepted by the Board, they shall be deemed purchasers, and in the mean time, the auction to be postponed till to-morrow.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning.

22d October 1783. The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	John Fulton	Esquires.
Walton Harris	John Morel	

Ordered, That the Commissioners of forfeited estates, do pay Jenkin Davis, on account, thirty pounds, fifteen shillings.

The Board received a letter from Brigadier General McIntosh, President of the Board of Claims against the confiscated estates, requesting the Council to nominate and appoint a person in the room of James Cochran Esquire, resigned; and Major John Habersham was unanimously chosen.

The Board proceeded to the appointment of a Collector of the Taxes for the County of Chatham, in the room of Edward Lloyd resigned, when James Field was chosen.

Edward Davies was heard before Council, and the matter referred to Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Commissioners of confiscated estates do

postpone the sale of sundry premises by them advertised, till saturday next 10 o'Clock in the forenoon, then to be sold for cash only to the acceptance of this Board.

ORDERED, That the Commissioners of confiscated Estates do give John Kell an order on Edward Davis for the sum of eleven pounds, sixteen shillings specie, in part Indian supplies by him furnished; which sum is to be deducted from a purchase, lately made by the said Edward Davies, of confiscated property.

ORDERED, That a lot of ground in the Town of Sunbury, known by the number sixteen, in the plat of said Town, be appraised by three freeholders, (respectable) to ascertain the value thereof in specie, to be paid immdiately, and that the same be conveyed in fee simple to John Kell and heirs forever, in part payment of his account for goods supplied the Indian Treaty in July last, and cash advanced for the State Galley.

Petition George Walton Esquire and Major Habersham—was read—The Board are of opinion that they are not competent to determine on it.

The Board took up the consideration of subsistence for George Eimbeck, Keeper of the Fort, and Military and other public stores in this State; and are of opinion that the sum of fifty pounds be allowed him per annum, whilst he may be employed therein, he finding himself. And that James White, a maimed, continental soldier be allowed at the rate of ten pounds per annum, in addition to allowance already made him: provided he behaves himself becomingly.

ORDERED, That a Flag and Staff be procured for the Fort and that His Honor the Governor be requested to contract with some person or persons for that purpose. And also to procure a keg of powder some lead and other material for the Fort.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

Thursday 23rd October 1783.

The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis Walton Harris	John Fulton & John Morel	} Esquires.

ORDERED, That the Surveyor General be requested and required to transmit or cause to be transmitted monthly, and every month, to this Board, an account of all caveats depending, or determined in any of the Courts for trying caveats within this State, to serve as guide for signing of grants. Also that a certificate be required before signing any grant, for land, from the Justices of the land Court, of the County where such land lies; purporting that there be no just bar, or impediment to the signing the same. And that the same has been improved and cultivated the space of time required by the land act.

WHEREAS, information hath been received, that numbers of disbanded soldiers from East Florida and elsewhere, are coming into this State, many of whom, are originally from other States, from which the peace and safety of this State may be endangered. Therefore,

ORDERED, That all such disbanded soldiers, and others coming as aforesaid, shall, immediately on their arrival here, take their departure for the state they belonged to and resided in last, prior to the war.

ORDERED, That the Commissioners of confiscated estates be authorized and requested to pay David Rees, the Secretary to this Board, the sum of one hundred and twenty five pounds specie on acct and in part of his salary, granted him by the Honorable the Legislature

WHEREAS, the act imposing a transient duty is studiously evaded by persons importing goods, wares and merchandize into this State, under the specious pretence of such articles being consigned to citizens thereof, therefore,

ORDERED, That the Attorney General or his deputy do make strict enquiry into the same, that the true intent and meaning of said act may not be frustrated.

Adjourned till Monday next 10 o'Clock.

Monday 27th October 1783.

The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	Walton Harris	Esquires.
James Bryan	James Fulton	

Abraham Ravot and Hepworth Carter, two, and a majority of the Commissioners of confiscated estates, attended and gave notice that they had, pursuant to the orders and directions by them received from the Executive Council, proceeded, on the forenoon of Saturday last, being the twenty seventh instant, to the sale at public outcry, of the two tracts of land on Hutchinsons Island, confiscated as late being the property of Lachlan McGilvray (proscribed) and that Lyman Hall Esquire, otherwise called the Honorable Lyman Hall Esquire, &c. then and there, to wit, on the forenoon of the said 25th Instant, at the Vendue House in Savannah, being the last and highest bidder, for one of the said tracts of land, containing one hundred and twenty acres, the same was knocked off to him for the sum of four pounds sterling in specie, pr. acre. amounting in the whole to the sum of four hundred and eighty pounds. And that the

other tract, containing eighty five acres, belonging as aforesaid, was likewise exposed to sale at public outcry at the time and place aforesaid, and Thomas Washington Esquire, then and there being the highest and last bidder therefor, the same was knocked off to him for the sum of six pounds, seventeen shillings per acre, amounting to the sum of five hundred and eighty two pounds, five shillings sterling money as aforesaid. And also that they had, pursuant to orders and directions to them given by this Board, on the 21st instant, requiring them to give public notice that they would receive offers and proposals for the purchase of sundry premises in the Town of Savannah, confiscated, given such notice at the Vendue House and elsewhere. And that David Rees, Secretary to this Board, was the only person making any offers or proposals for the premises following, viz, for one lot* and small tenement thereon erected, situated on.....and .....Street confiscated and sold as the property, late of Bazil Cowper, proscribed, the sum of fifty pounds specie. also for two lots and a half, known by the numbers 3. 4. and 5. bounded by .....Street on the.....by.....Street on the .....and.....confiscated and sold as late the property of John Graham proscribed, for the sum of thirty pounds each lot and fifteen pounds for the half lot; the said premises were accordingly, sold to the said Davis Rees for the sum of one hundred and twenty five pounds sterling money aforesaid, being the exact sum and sums severally and jointly, that the said premises were appraised at by.....freeholders on oath. The payment, as well for the two tracts of land as for the other premises being to the acceptance of this Board made, they are declared to be duly sold. Whereupon,

Ordered, That the Commissioners of confiscated estates be empowered and requested to make and execute good and sufficient titles to the several purchasers above named respectively, for the said premises by them purchased, as aforesaid.

*N. B. The above premises have been claimed by Thomas Savage Esquire.

The Commissioners of confiscated estates gave notice to this Board that they had got the lot in Sunbury N° 16 to be valued, agreeable to an order of the 22nd Instant by.....freeholders on oath, and that it was appraised at eighty pounds specie. also that they had sold a house and lot on the bay, British property, to Thomas Mills, for two hundred and fifty pounds specie, payable &c. &c. made acceptable to this Board.

Ordered, That the said Commissioners be authorized, empowered and requested to make and execute sufficient titles to the said John Kell, and his heirs for the lot N° 16. in the Town of Sunbury as above mentioned and directed in the order of 22nd Instant: And also to the aforesaid Thomas Mills for one house and lot purchased as above and now in his tenure.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

Tuesday 28th October 1783.

The Board met.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis, James Bryan, John Fulton } Esquire

Memorial John S. Eustace, being read, praying payment for his expences to St Augustine the last year as State agent, as it is set forth and alledged. Ordered, that the determination thereof be postponed till Tuesday next.

Memorial Raymond Demere, praying redress respecting some purchases he made, and was disappointed in complying for, by neglect of (as he says) the Attorney General &c. &c.

The Council advise His Honor the Governor to request the Commissioners of confiscated estates to suspend the sale of the said purchases until determination thereon can be had.

Petition of Captain Peter Emanuel De La Plaigne, praying payment of fifty pounds, pursuant to resolve of the House of Assembly at Augusta. Postponed till Tuesday next.

A certificate in favor of John Berrien, given by General Lachlan M'Intosh, was read and debated—

The Board are of opinion, and do determine that he is not entitled to more land than a Captain in the Line.

ORDERED, That the Clerk of the Market, be required to regulate, as far as in him (by virtue of his appointment lies, the exorbitant high price of provisions brought to Savannah Market.

WHEREAS:, it hath been represented to this Board, that in, and at the last general sales of confiscated estates, many persons were accepted as securities for the purchasers, who were worth, perhaps not a foot of land in the State; and in some, and indeed, too many instances, where both the purchaser and security were not sufficient for interest alone; from all which the public resources of this State, are liable to many and great impositions and damages— Therefore,

ORDERED, That the Commissioners of confiscated estates be required to take and accept of none but good and sufficient securities at the ensuing sales, by having good personal security or other lands of the purchaser or purchasers, their security or securities (besides those to be purchased at the said ensuing sales) mortgaged or otherwise made liable for the said purchase or purchases hereafter to be made. And that the said Commissioners do officially apply to the Attorney General on the behaf of this State, requesting his opinion touching and concerning what they shall require and may accept as good and sufficient security for every such purchase to be hereafter made as aforesaid.

Major John Habersham, elected on the 22nd Instant to supply the vacancy in the Board of claims &c. occasioned by the resignation of James Cochran Esquire, having acquainted this Board, by letter to their Secretary, that it was out of his power, without detriment to to his private affairs, to serve in the said appointment. Whereupon, the Board proceeded to the choice of another person to supply the said vacancy; and John Kell Esquire being mentioned and recommended, was unanimously appointed to serve at the said Board.

ORDERED, That the Commissioners of confiscated estates be empowered and required to pay the Honorable Jenkin Davis the sum of one hundred and thirteen pounds 11/4. on account to enable him to discharge some debts unavoidably contracted by him whilst attending this Board.

Adjourned till Tuesday 4th November 1783.

Tuesday 4th November 1783.

Two members met but not being able to make a Board, adjourned till Tuesday the 11th Instant.

Tuesday 11th November 1783.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis, James Bryan, John Fulton } Esquires.

ORDERED, That a proclamation be issued, forbidding any person or persons making any encroachments on the lands lately relinquished by the Indians at Augusta.

Application of Oliver Bowen was taken into consideration and order made thereon: that as there appears some ambiguity in the case, and that it can be of no great detriment to him to wait till the meet^{g} of the next House of Assembly, it be referred to the Legislature.

Application of John S. Eustace, read on the 28th ult^{o} was again read, and referred to the next General Assembly.

Petition of Joseph Fox of the 30th September was again read—and

ORDERED, That he cannot be returned to East Florida.

Petition of Edward Davis, heretofore read and postponed was taken into consideration and thereupon,

ORDERED, That in the first instance the petitioner be requested to make answer in writing to the following quere's, to wit,

Quere.....Whether, by the nature of your appointment as Auditor you did not conceive yourself elected or appointed for one year only?

How far did you proceed in adjusting and liquidating the acct^{s} of the State or otherwise?

In conveying the Books and Papers to the Northward what expences were you at for carriages? And what carriages were they you employed for that purpose? If Continental, how are they disposed of?—

ORDERED, That public notice be given in the Gazette of this State, that all persons indebted to the same, for interest due on bonds or otherwise, do immediately discharge the same, or they may expect to be proceeded against as the law directs, without distinction.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this Board that many inconveniences do arise to the detriment of the trading interest in this Town, by no person being appointed a Harbour Master for the Port of Savannah, whereby good order would be maintained and disputes prevented between Ship Masters and others concerned in shipping; And Ichabud Higgins, late and at present acting Pilot, being recommended as a proper person for that station therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Ichabud Higgins be, and he is hereby appointed HarbourMaster for the port and harbour of Savannah accordingly.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday next 10 o'Clock in the forenoon.

Tuesday 18th November

The Board met and adjourned till Tuesday 25th November 1783.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	John Fulton	Esquires.
Walton Harris	James Bryan	

Grants signed in Council this day by His Honor the Governor.

To James Harvey	two grants	for	400	Acres each.	Brought down by John Harvey.
To ditto	one ditto	for	200	Acres	
To Henry Graybill	1 ditto	for	250	Acres	
To Moses Powell	1 ditto	for	400	acres	
To Kedar Powell	1 Grant	for	100	acres	
To Michael Harvey	1 ditto		350	acres	
To Thomas Harvey	1 ditto		300	ditto	
To James Hogg	1 ditto		200	ditto	
To John Harvey	1 ditto		300	ditto	
To ditto	1 ditto		200	ditto.	

Holman Freeman attended Council and gave information that Samuel Scott had illegally obtained his grant for acres of land in Wikes County, at the mouth of Pistol Creek.

ORDERED thereon, that a letter be wrote to the Assistant Justice and Justices composing a Court for granting lands in said County, requesting them to investigate the said matter and return thereof make to this Board.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'Clock.

Wednesday 26th November 1783.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis, Walton Harris, John Fulton } Esquires.

Letter from Robert Jones dated 21st November 1783. informing that there was a bond in the hands of a certain Thomas Gibbons, proscribed, due by him to this State, which he was willing to pay provided he should be indemnified by the State against the said bond. Amount of said bond £150. sterl.g.

ORDERED, That he be wrote to requesting him to pay the same to the Commissioners of confiscated estates on behalf of this State, and that thereon he shall be held, taken and justified, fully discharged and acquited of and from the said bond, and of every part and parcel thereof.

Letter from Colº Elijah Clark dated 21st Instant, requesting that a certain tract of land in Richmond County, late Ingram's, may be appraised at its specie value; and that he will take it in payment for goods supplied the Indian Treaty and to pay off Riflemen,

ORDERED, That the same be appraised by Zacharias Fenn, John Germany and William Few Esquires, and delivered to him the said Clark accordingly. And that the Commissioners of confiscated estates do make good and sufficient titles to Col° Robert Middleton for a lot of ground in Augusta, late the property of .....valued at £.....on the.....day of..... last past, for the said purpose of paying Riflemen &c. &c.

Adjourned till 3d December 1783.

Wednesday 3d December

The Board met.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	Walton Harris	Esquires.
James Bryan	John Fulton	

Petition of Sarah Frazer, praying that a lot of ground in the Town of Sunbury, N° 1. sold some time since as the property of her husband, Donald Frazer, proscribed, and not complied for, should remain unsold till the meeting of the next House of Assembly— was read —

The Board are of opinion, and do determine that they cannot put a stop to the proceedings of the Commissioners of confiscated estates on such pretensions; And suggest that if the Legislature would give her up the said lot, supposing it to be unsold, they can very easy compliment her with the value it sold for.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning.

Thursday 4th December 1783.

The Board met.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	Walton Harris	} Esquires.
James Bryan	John Fulton	

An account of Cornelius Collins who acted (as per certificated John Martin,) in the capacity of Major Commandant at Augusta, the 2nd August 1782, amounting to eighty nine dollars and half specie, being, as it is said, for sundries purchased by him for the immediate supply of the military horse &c. &c. was read.

The Council was unanimously of opinion, that as the supplies above mentioned could not be procured or purchased by any other means, and that his chearfulness in advancing his cash and credit for the above purpose demand the attention of this Board and the public. They therefore, recommend and advise His Honor the Governor to give the said Cornelius Collins an order on the Treasury of this State for the said sum.

The petition of Elizabeth Young, wife of Thomas Young, praying a suspension of the sale of some lands on Ogechee Neck &c. was read—

The Board are of opinion that the property referred to in the said petition, was in Liberty County; and known by the name South-Hampton &c. that the determination of right to land being situate and lying in Chatham County, as Ogechee Neck is, could not be had in any Court in the County of Liberty, and that they have been informed, that the lands mentioned in the said petition was purchased by, and otherwise the absolute property of, the said Thomas Young. Therefore, they are of opinion, that the

said lands must be sold as the confiscated property late of the said Thomas, according to law.

ORDERED, That an order be drawn on the Treasury of this State, in favor of the Honorable George Walton Esquire, Chief Justice, pursuant to a resolve of the Honble. the House of Assembly, passed at Augusta, the.....day of..... last past.

ORDERED, That the Attorney General be requested to enter a caveat against Micajah Williamson, in the land Court for the County of Wilkes, to prevent his obtaining a grant for land belonging to this State, formerly the property of Robert Cunningham of South-Carolina. And that he also be requested to call on John Lindsay, William Downes, Sanders Walker, Abraham Biddle, John Awtry, Abraham Landers, Reuben De Jernatt, and Seaborn Jones to give evidence in support thereof.

Memorial of Captain James Mackay praying that the Estate of John B. Maxwell, so reputed, might not be sold till the meeting of the next General Assembly, was read a second time—not granted.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

Friday 5th December 1783.

The Board met.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	Walton Harris	} Esquires.
James Bryan	John Fulton	

Letters from Messrs Owens & Thompson, setting forth that

they were paying a heavy rent for a store, wherein was public salt, begging to have the same removed that they might give it up. also setting forth that they had, in April last, given their note of hand, which they ought to have called a receipt, for three hundred pounds, to be deducted out of their accounts against this State, conditioned for the priviledge of shipping three hundred barrels of rice to East-Florida, at a time when there was a general embargo laid on shipping grain; but that they had not been able to ship more than one hundred barrels, before the peace was announced, whereby their purposes, on which the above proposal was founded, were at once frustrated. They, therefore, humbly beg that they shall not be compelled to pay for the said priviledge, more than in proportion to what they actually shipped.

ORDERED thereon, that if the said Owens & Thompson do agree to take up their note in full satisfaction for the three hundred bushels of salt, purchased of them for the public use, His Honor the Governor be empowered and requested to settle it with them in that manner.

Application of Mr. Owen Owens on behalf of himself and others, being British Merchants, for payment of their accounts against the State, setting forth that they would willingly take lands in payment thereof. Whereupon,

ORDERED, (pursuant to a resolve of the Honorable the Legislature entered into on the.....day of.....last past,) that the tract or parcel of land called Monteith, situate in the County of Chatham, sold as the forfeited property of John Graham proscribed, and again revested in the State by relinquishment &c. be set aside for that purpose; and that William Bryan, William Gibbons, sen^r and Richard Guinn be empowered and requested to value and appraise the said tract or parcel of land, called Monteith, containing six thousand.....hundred and..... acres, at the specie value, and a return of the said appraisement so made upon oath, to be transmitted to this Board in six days from the date hereof.

ORDERED, That John Cooper, Lt. Col°, be requested to make a return to this Board, of the rice, pistols &c. he obtained by order from this Board some time since, and how appropriated.

ORDERED, That George Rolfes do attend this Board on Wednesday next 10 o'Clock in the forenoon.

Wednesday 10th December 1783.

The Board met.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	John Fulton	} Esquires.
Walton Harris	John Morel	

ORDERED, That the lots in the Town of Sunbury, known by the numbers 1, 2, 24 and 27; and one lot in Savannah, late John Graham's, also one half lot, in ditto, late Chapman's; some public salt, canvas, thread, some Queen stones and a filtering ditto, be appraised by three respectable freeholders on oath, to ascertain the value thereof in specie: And that Francis Coddington, John Kell, and Thomas Washington, be the appraisers thereof; and that they make a return thereof soon as may be, to this Board. Also, that a tract of land of six hundred acres, Augustins Creek, be appraised by the appraisers of Monteith.

Petitions of Alexander Bisset and Henry Sonerby, late of East Florida, praying to have leave to bring their slaves and effects into this State— Granted till the meeting of the Legislature.

Petition of Mary and Israel Flert, praying that Samuel Krows

and Jenkin Davis might take them and their small remaining property under their guardianship and care.

WHEREAS, request hath been made to this Board, by the President of the Board of Claims &c. that the Clerk of the Honorable House of Assembly might be required to attend them with the minutes of the said House, to be a guide in their determinations; And that the Commissioners of confiscated estates be requested to furnish them with an accurate return or list of all sales of the Estates and other property so confiscated and sold, by virtue of the said confiscation act. Also a message from the President of the said Board to his Honor the Governor and Council, that a sum of money should be advanced them to purchase books, and other necessaries for the said Board of Claims; and to defray their necessary expences, while sitting thereat.

ORDERED thereon, that the Clerk above mentioned be required to attend the said Board of Claims, with such papers and resolves as they may want. Also that the said Commissioners do, with all convenient speed, furnish the said Board with a full and accurate return of all sales had and made of the confiscated estates: And that the said Commissioners do pay into the hands of the Clerk of the said Board of Claims for the purpose above requested, the sum of ten pounds specie, taking his receipt to be accountable for the same.

Adjourned till monday next

Monday 15th December 1783. In Council.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	John Morel	Esquires.
John Fulton	Walton Harris	

ORDERED, That the lots in Sunbury and Savannah, appraised on the 10th Instant, be sold by the Commissioners of confiscated estates, on Tuesday the 23d Instant, to the highest bidder for cash only, to be paid to the acceptance of this Board, before the property is altered.

Petition Hampton Lillibridge was read, praying for the sale of a certain tract of land called the Laurel Hill or Middle plantation, late the estate of Sir James Wright, which the Petitioner purchased at the general sales in June 1782, be postponed till the meeting of the Legislature— Granted.

Application of Owens & Thompson proposing to take the white oak plantation at an appraised valuation in cash, in part of their accounts against the public—

Order made thereon, that certain lands advertised for sale, be reserved for the purpose of discharging the accounts of the British Merchants and payment of goods supplied for the Indian Treaty, viz, Montieth Plantation, late John Graham's; White Oak Plantation, late James Butler's,— Kincaids upper plantation, four hundred acres; Douglass plantation six hundred acres, on Augustins Creek.

Application made by Joseph Clay and Joseph Habersham on behalf of Colo Hamilton, late of East Florida, that he might be indulged the liberty of remaining at the plantation of John Mulryne, called *Bonadventure*, till the first day of January next; granted—

16th Michael and David Dixon, inhabitants of North Carolina, made application for lands as having right thereto, being once enlisted in the minute battalions of this State.

The Board having taken the same into consideration, and also required the opinion of the Attorney General thereon, which he gave in the words following, to wit, "The resolution of the Honorable the House of Assembly, of the 3d June '77, for raising two battalions of minute men for the defence of the State, and afterwards fully explained by a subsequent resolution; partially sets forth, that the bounties of land to be given to such men as should enlist in the said battalions for two years, was the intention of the Legislature to encourage the settlement of the State and promote the defence thereof, by bringing setlers, as well as soldiers, and not to embody or enlist the inhabitants thereof, which would frustrate their intention and by no means contribute to its defence.

I am clearly of opinion that the certificates to be presented by the Officers and Soldiers, serving in the said battalions should particularly set forth that the persons were not, in the first instance, inhabitants of this State, and that they were in actual service at the time the battalions were disbanded; if they should not produce satisfactory proof, and which the resolutions require, to shew that they have complied with the contract on their part, I cannot think that the Government of this State is bound to comply with the requisitions they have made." are of opinion, that as the chief intention of the Legislature in the said resolution appeared to be calculated for the setling, as well as the defending this State, and that therein they have not complied on their part, with the conditions held out therein, which was to entitle them to the bounty of land therein specified— Therefore they cannot think themselves authorized to grant certificates for such lands as required, without the further advice and directions of the Legislature thereon; That the same be refer'd to the Honble. House of Assembly at their next, or some future meeting

On application Stallings and others, for negroes, they having served in the Georgia State Legion &c.

ORDERED, That the Commissioners of forfeited estates do collect confiscated negroes sufficient to satisfy the demands of the said Petitioners and others belonging to said Corps, made in lieu of pay and bounty: they, first producing to them the said Commissioners their right therefor; and also an accurate and full return of their said corps or legion shewing at once, what the demand of the whole amounts to, and certified accounts of the many negroes already furnished them; and how they were particularly and respectively appropriated. And that thereon, they, the said Commissioners, deliver them as many of such negroes, if they can be procured, as will answer the said demand. And also that they require and take sufficient receipts for all negroes already delivered to, or taken by the said Corps, or any of them, or that shall hereafter be delivered them.

22nd December 1783.

The Board met.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis John Morel	Walton Harris & John Fulton	} Esquires.

Memorial Richard Howley, praying to withdraw his relinquishment, of the White Oak Plantation, late James Butlers—was read.

The Board having taken the said memorial into mature consideration; and also the relinquishment he had signed respecting the same, have agreed and

Ordered, That the relinquishment, as made by the memorialist, do stand untill the meeting of the Legislature.

Memorial Peter Bard, praying that no more of the estate of the late Revd John J. Zubly deceased, may be sold; as the Legislature had resolved that one third of the said estate should be granted the heirs of the deceased. Granted.

Application made by Richard Howly and James Jackson Esquires, Attornies for James Butler, Administrator of all and singular the estate of Col° Elisha Butler, late of Chatham County in the State of Georgia, deceased: that certain negroes taken, or said to be taken by the Commissioners of confiscated estates, or their order; as the confiscated property late of John Butler Maxwell, proscribed, might be returned to the said Administrator.

Ordered thereon, (after having the said Attornies on behalf of the Administrator, and the Attorney General on behalf of the State, that the said application be granted on condition that the said Administrator, or his Attornies, do give good and satisfactory security in the penalty of a sum, amounting to double the value of all the negroes taken as above mentioned, and all the negroes inserted and contained in the Inventory and appraisement by the said Attorneys produced to this Board this day that they shall be safely returned to the aforesaid Commissioners, a majority of them or either of them; unless they can and will, well and sufficiently make it appear to the Executive Authority then being, and that within one month after the records of this State shall be brought into the same, that the said property ought not to be considered as the property of the said John Butler Maxwell by any will, gift, or bequest of the said Elisha Butler, deceased; except the Honorable the Legislature shall otherwise determine thereon.

The Board, having resumed the consideration of the petition or memorial of Edward Davies, and the answers to the quere's put to him, on the 11th ult°, do agree and determine, that they

cannot judge of his account till the books arrive, to shew them how far he proceeded in auditing accounts. And further are of opinion, that his appointment of Auditor ought to cease on the instant that another was appoined for that purpose: and it would be very inconsistent to have two Auditors in this State at one and the same time, the appointing of the latter naturally making null and void, from that time, the appointment of the former. Therefore, they refer the whole to the Honorable the Legislature.

23d December 1783.

WHEREAS, by resolve of the Legislature at Augusta; His Honor the Governor was required to direct the Surveyor General to run the South West line. And whereas, not long after, and before any opportunity presented for executing the same, another or second Treaty was held with the Indians, whereby the temporary boundary of this State was enlarged.

The Board are of opinion, and advise His Honor the Governor that the running of the said line, be deferred till the next meeting of the Legislature; as it may, perhaps, be deemed necessary at the same time, to divide the said land into Counties or otherwise, which will require particular directions.

ORDERED, That the plantation, called Kincaids upper plantation, containing four hundred and fifty Acres, be disposed of at the appraisement, valued at the sum of one thousand, seven hundred and fifty pounds specie by William Gibbons, Richard Guinn, and William Bryan, in payment of the debts contracted with Andrew McLean and others for goods supplied the Indian Treaty. And whatever surplusage may be, to be applied towards defraying the accounts of the Members of this Board, and other immediate exigencies of the State.

Adjourned till the 2d January 1784.

Tuesday January 2d 1784.

The Board met

Present

His Honor the Governor

Walton Harris	John Fulton
Zacharias Fenn	John Morel
Jenkin Davis (in the afternoon)	

On motion

ORDERED, That William O Bryan and John Davidson be appointed Inspectors of Tobacco for the Town of Savannah and County of Chatham.

Grants examined in Council and signed by His Honor the Governor.

To John Jones	for 400	Acres	Wilkes County.	
" William Wagner	250	"	.....	ditto.
" Saunders Walker	500	"	.....	ditto.
" ditto	600	"	.....	ditto.
" ditto	250	"	.....	ditto.
" Joshua Saunders	400	"	.....	ditto.
" ditto	300	"	.....	ditto.
" Benjn Catchings	300	"	.....	ditto.
" ditto	200	"	.....	ditto.

Saturday 3d January 1784.

The Board met.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	John Morel	Esquires
Zacharias Fenn	John Fulton	
Walton Harris		

His Honor the Governor, previous to withdrawing, laid before the Board his account of expenditures for the public service of the State, the greater part of which appears to have been cash advanced or assumed greatly to the benefit and saving of this State, as also his account of salary pr. resolve of the Legislature amounting in the whole to eight hundred and fifty three pounds, six shillings and two pence half penny specie; as pr. Acct particulars. The Board having approved thereof,

Ordered, That the same be considered and received as and in full satisfaction and pay for one tract of land, situate on Whitemarsh called Long Point, purchased by His Honor, of the Commissioners of confiscated estates, at public auction for the sum of £182. 1. 6. and also for one other tract of land, situate on Hutchinsons Island, so called, late the property of Lachlan Mc-Gilvray, purchased as aforesaid, of the said Commissioners, in manner aforesaid for the sum of four hundred and eighty pounds. And that the said Commissioners be empowered and required to give and execute good and sufficient titles to His Honor for the said premises respectively. And that whatever balance may remain due him on his said account, shall be allowed and paid him out of any public monies that shall be received; or be esteemed and received as satisfactory payment or discount for any sum or sums that His Honor may have been under the necessity of drawing to assist and enable him in supporting himself and

family as the dignity of his station and the State required. And also that the said Commissioners be empowered and required to make and execute good and sufficient titles unto Thomas Washington for a tract of land on Hutchinson Island aforesaid, containing eighty five acres, purchased of, and in manner as aforesaid, for the sum of five hundred and eighty two pounds, three shillings, he having paid therefor to the acceptance of this Board, by goods supplied the Indian Treaty at Augusta in May last, for which goods prompt payment was promised him, as per his receipt for that amount given to His Honor the Governor, on an order drawn by Andrew M^c^Lean.

Also, that Job Pray, David Rees and Coshman Pollock do receive titles from the said Commissioners, for the purchases by them, respectively, made, at a cash public sale, at the Vendue House in Savannah on Tuesday the 23^d^ December ult^o^, they having, severally, made payments to the acceptance of this Board.

WHEREAS, it appeared to this Board most eligible, in order for discharging certain engagements entered into by the Legislature, more especially that of procuring supplies for holding a Treaty or Treaties with the Indians, and presents for them; to have certain lands set aside and appropriated for that purpose, and among others, that tract called Kincaids upper plantation, containing four hundred and fifty acres, appraized at the specie valuation thereof, by three freeholders, at the sum of one thousand, seven hundred and fifty pounds specie; And it appearing to this Board, that there was a balance due Andrew M^c^Lean for sundry supplies, by him furnished for the Treaty or Treaties aforementioned, of the sum of one thousand and seventy one pounds, 4^s^/5^d^/1/2 specie; and the said Andrew M^c^Lean having made proposals on account of himself and others with him concerned, that they would take the said plantation at the valuation thereof aforesaid, and after deducting the said sum of £1071. 4. 5 1/2. from the valuation aforesaid, they would pay the balance that should then remain due the State to wit, the sum of £678.

15. 6 1/2. to the requisition and acceptance of this Board. Whereupon,

ORDERED, That the Commissioners aforesaid be empowered and required to make and execute good and sufficient titles to the said Andrew McLean or to Messr^s Clay, Telfair & C° as he or they may direct therein, for the said tract of land called Kincaids upper plantation, containing or said to contain, four hundred and fifty acres the payment of the said sum of seventeen hundred and fifty pounds specie, being made to the acceptance of this Board.

Application made by Major Car for some powder, lead and flints, for eighty men that he kept in readiness for immediate duty or any emergency.

ORDERED, That he be furnished with one thousand cartridges, (having bullets in them, for the public magazine; and eight dozen flints he to be accountable for the same.

Mr. George Eimbeck made application to this Board for part of his pay allowed him by order of Council of the 22^d October last past.

It was agreed on that he should have an order on His Honor the Governor for the sum of £25. being half years pay due him &c.

Adjourned till Monday next 10 o'Clock.

Monday 5th January 1784.

The Board met.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis
Walton Harris
John Morel
John Fulton
Zacharias Fenn } Esquires

	£ S. D.	£ S. D.
The Honorable Jenkin Davis produced his account for attending Council 306 days @ 3 dollars pr. day	228. 4. 0	Balances
_____ By sundries per acct. rendered you	189. 9. 11	38. 14. 1.
Honorable John Fulton produced his account for attending Council 365 days @ 3 dollars per day is	255. 10. 0	
_____ By sundries pr. acct. rendered you	36. 9. 8	219. 0. 4.
Honorable Walton Harris produced his acct. for attending Council 310 days @ 3 dollars per day is	189. .	
_____ By sundries per acct. rendered you	95. 8. 9	93. 11. 3
Honorable Zacharias Fenn produced his account for attending Council 188 days @ 3 dollars per day	131. 12. 0	
_____ By sundries per acct. rendered you	50. 5. 0	81. 7. 0

	£ S D	£ S D
Honorable James Bryan produced his account for attending Council 73 days @ 3 dollars pr. day is	51. 2. –	Balances
By sundries per acct. rendered you	10. 17. 8	40. 4. 4
Honorable Benjamin Andrew produced his acct. for attending Council 33 days @ 3 dollars pr. day	23. 2. 0	
By sundries, cash paid you	4. 13. 4	18. 8. 8
Honorable John Morel produced his account for attending Council 167 days @ 3 dollars pr. day	116. 18. 0	
By sundries per acct rendered you	29. 2. 11	87. 15. 1
. . . . . David Rees, Secy. Ex. Council produced his acct. for Salary and Sundries	218. 6. 11	
By cash £ 16. 7. 4. order on Comms. £ 201. 19. 7.	218. 6. 11	
. . . . . John Riley, Messengr. &c. produced his acct. salary . . .	30. 0. 0	
By cash & an order on the Governor	30. – –	579. 0. 9

The Board having approved of the above several accounts,

Ordered, That they do pass, and as many of them as choose, may have an order on Andrew M^c^Lean or Messrs. Clay, Telfair & C° for the balance due them respectively, pursuant to an agreement and promise by them made at the time of their purchasing Kincaids upper plantation aforementioned.

Accounts not yet received from Honble. John Elliott and James Stuart Esquires for their attendance in Council.

Board adjourned till to-morrow morning.

Tuesday 6th January 1784.

The Board met.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis, Walton Harris, Zacharias Fenn } Esquire

Application of the Chief Justice for the balance of his account

ORDERED, That an order be drawn on Messrs Clay, Telfair & Co in his favor for what balance may be due and owing from the purchase of Kincaids upper plantation, say £47. 3. 9 1/2.

Application made by Richard Henderson that he might have his salary paid him,

ORDERED, That he be paid forty pounds on account.

Application Samuel Stirk Esquire for payment of his salary for the year last past, being two hundred pounds; adding that he had a bond in the Treasurers hands which he was desirous of taking up with discounting;

ORDERED, That an order for that purpose be drawn on the Treasurer accordingly, he making the State debtor for the same.

Honble John Elliott produced his account for attending Council in the year 1783, 38 days a 3 dollars per day is...£26. 12. —
—Cash paid him by House Assembly 10 dollars... 2. 6. 8.

£24. 5. 4

In Council, Savannah 7th January.

Present

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis — Zacharias Fenn
Walton Harris — John Fulton

The account of John Elliott Esquire being examined and approved of,

ORDERED, That an order be drawn on the Treasury in his favor for the balance, say £24. 5. 4 specie.

Richard Henderson paid the £40. allowed him in Council yesterday, in manner following, to wit,

By His Honor the Governor.....£15. —
By an order on Clay, Telfair & Co..... 25. —£40. —

The account produced by His Honor the Governor on the 3d Instant and approved of, notwithstanding the sums to be allowed Mr. George Eimbeck and Richard Henderson were not then exactly ascertained, by the same being fixed, and His Honor assuming said respective sums as above mentioned; the account stands thus;

His Honors account against the State Amountg to		£853. 6. 2 1/2
By two tracts of land purchased of the Commissioners of confiscated estates at public auction.....	£662. 1. 8½	
By cash & sundries pr. acct particulars	120..—..—	
By balance due His Honor to be passed to his credit or received as pr. order of the 3d Instant.....	71. 4. 6	
		£853. 6. 2 1/2

By order of the Board &C.

D. REES Secy

Adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'Clock.

In Council Savannah 8th January 1784.

The Board met and being of opinion that the time intended for their sitting as a Council was constitutionally expired they dissolved the Board.

By order &c.

D. Rees Secy

Friday 9th January 1784. Savannah.

The Honorable John Houstoun Esquire being elected Governor of the State by the Honorable the House of Assembly and having attended and taken the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution, met the Council, the President whereof, to wit, John Habersham Esquire, having previous thereto, attended the House and taken the oath prescribed for him, (a list whereof is as follows—to wit,

Liberty County	Philip Lowe & James Powell	Esquires
Burke	John Greene & John Fulton	
Wilkes	Geo. Walton & Daniel Coleman	
Richmond	James McNeil & Zacharias Fenn	
Chatham	Williams Stephens & John Habersham	
Effingham	Jenkin Davis & John Spencer.	

of which number, the following only were present, to wit.

John Habersham Esquire President

James Powell	Zacharias Fenn	Esquires
John Greene	William Stephens	
John Spencer	George Walton	
Daniel Coleman	Jenkin Davis	

His Honor the Governor informed the Council he had nothing immediately to lay before them, they adjourned.

In Council Tuesday 13th January 1784.

Present

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	John Spencer	Esquires
George Walton	Philip Lowe	
James Powell	John Greene	
Daniel Coleman		

His Honor the Governor and the Executive Council, having proceeded to the election of a Secretary and Messenger, it appeared that David Rees Esquire was unanimously elected Secretary and John Riley Messenger.

The following resolve having been laid before the Council by His Honor the Governor, to wit,

"House of Assembly 12th January 1784.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be authorized to receive the nominal sums of twenty Treasury Certificates from Mr. William Graves as the account of so many certificates to be given in, agreeable to a resolve of the late House of Assembly, held at Augusta in July and August last: and that the account of the said nominal sums be considered on the same footing

those are, which may be produced by virtue of the said resolve; this House considering the justice of Mr. Graves's case, and that the same were lost by him in his retreat from the British Forces: And that His Honor the Governor be empowered to give the said William Graves, a certificate for the nominal amount, he producing satisfactory security in treble the nominal sum, should his case appear unjust in future, or that the same have been actually received." And Thomas Netherclift and John Hardy Esquires, having offered themselves as Mr. Graves's securities,

ORDERED, That the security be accepted of and the Certificate issue accordingly, on the said securities giving a proper bond.

The Council adjourned.

In Council 16th January 1784.

Present

The Honble. John Habersham Esq. President

George Walton	Daniel Coleman	Esquires
John Greene	John Spencer	
James Powell	William Stephens	

John Elliott and Philip Lowe Esquires having been appointed Justices of the peace, by the Honorable House of Assembly, for the County of Liberty; and Caleb Howell and John Spencer Esquires for the County of Effingham; attended and took the oaths of office before the President in the absence of His Honor the Governor.

ORDERED, That the Secretary of the State be directed to prepare a Dedimus; addressed to Caleb Howell, Theophilus Lundy and Benjamin Lanier, for qualifying Daniel Bonnel,

David Meazle and Drury Jones Esquires, who are appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly, Justices of the peace for the County of Effingham; it being inconvenient for the said Daniel Bonnel, David Meazle and Drury Jones Esquires to give personal attendance at this Board.

The Council adjourned.

In Council, Tuesday 20th January 1784.

Present

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	George Walton	Esquires
Daniel Coleman	John Greene	
Zacharias Fenn	John Spencer	
William Stephens		

The following grants were this day signed by His Honor the Governor in Council; to wit,

For	John Cunningham	350	Acres	in Wilkes County
"	Augustin Davis	200	"	Ditto
"	Absolem Davis	83	"	ditto
"	Joseph Catchings	200	"	ditto
"	Seamore Catchings	200	"	ditto
"	Alexander Awtry	150	"	ditto
"	Daniel Coleman	650	"	ditto
"	Samuel Alexander	200	"	ditto
"	Jonathan Downes	300	"	ditto
"	Samuel Alexander	200	"	ditto
"	Absolem Biddle	350	"	ditto
"	William Downes	300	"	ditto
"	Seamore Catchings	200	"	ditto

For William Foster .....550 Acres in Wilkes County
" Samuel Alexander .....450 " .....ditto
" Henry D. Downes .....300 " .....ditto
" Joshua Saunders .....200 " .....ditto

The Council adjourned.

In Council Savannah 23d January 1784.

Present

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	John Greene	Esquires.
Philip Lowe	Daniel Coleman	
William Stephens	Zacharias Fenn	
George Walton	Jenkin Davis	

The following grants were this day signed by His Honor the Governor in Council.

For Randolph Ramsey.....300 Acres...Wilkes County
" James McNeil.....200 " ...Richmond County
" Nathan[1] Marshall Martin..600 " ...Wilkes County
" Catharine McNeils.....750 " ... ditto
" James McNeil.....250 " ... ditto
" Moody Burt....one acre lot (no 29.) Old Town Augusta Richmond County—

There being several applications for bounties of land by the several officers and men who composed the two battalions of minute men raised by resolve of Assembly passed June 3d 1777. —It is agreed and

Ordered, That by the said resolve of the 3d June 1777, and a subsequent one, passed March 1st 1778, the Bounty is clearly

due to every officer of the rank of captain, and upwards, who was in Commission at the time of the reduction of the said 2nd battalions, whether he was commissioned in, or an inhabitant of this State or otherwise.

2nd . . . That every other officer or soldier belonging to the said battalions of the degree of a Lieutenant or under, who was in service at the time of the said reduction, is also entitled to his bounty; provided he produces a Certificate from the Colº or any other field officer of the battalions he belonged to, if a Commissioned Officer; or from his Captain or Commanding Officer of the Company, countersigned by the Colº or other field officer of the battalion, if a private; of his being in service at the time of said reduction. And also, that at the time of his being commissioned or inlisted, (as the case may be) he was not an inhabitant of this State, nor had he resided in any part thereof, for twelve months preceeding the said commission or enlistment.

3d . . . That for the conveniency of the Officers and men, belonging to the said battalions of minute men, and also to preserve uniformity, there be a number of blank certificates, agreeable to the above orders, struck off and furnished the Colonels or other commanding officers of the said battalions and that the Secretary of Council do procure this, to be done at public charge.

A letter from Chesley Bostwick Esquire, respecting some property in his hands, belonging to the estate of Henry Preston Esquire, deceased, was laid before the Board; but it appearing to be a matter not properly coming before them, the application was dismissed.

The Honorable Lyman Hall Esquire, late Governor, having returned an inventory to this Board, of a number of trifling household articles belonging to the public, which remained in his hands; and desiring directions what should be done with them,

It is ordered, That as the said articles are perishable and liable to be destroyed, that the messenger do sell the same at public sale, and make return to this Board of the amount sales thereof, when they will make further order in the premises.

In Council, Savannah 27th January 1784.

Present

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	James Powell	Esqrs
George Walton	John Spencer	
Jenkin Davis	Daniel Coleman	
John Greene	Zacharias Fenn	
William Stephens		

It is ordered,

That the Surveyor General do, in all warrants returned into the Secretary's office for grants to be made out on the same, certify whether the grantee was, on the 29th December 1778, entitled to a grant of the land then applied for; or whether the same is founded on a new warrant from the Board of Justices.

Council adjourned.

In Council, Savannah 28th January 1784.

Present

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	Daniel Coleman	Esqrs.
James Powell	George Walton	
William Stephens	Zacharias Fenn	
Jenkin Davis		

Richard Ayecock Esquire, elected Sheriff for the County of Wilkes, attended His Honor the Governor in Council, produced his certificate of election and took the oath of office as prescribed by law.

Information being laid before the Board that John Black, alias Blackman, and Benjamin Davis, two persons confined in Jail on a charge of murder, had broke out on the evening of the 22nd instant, and made their escape therefrom; and that the Jailor, Thomas Jones, was suspected of being concerned therein; as he had (as it is said) on the same night, committed a robbery and since gone off, with the said Black and Davis.

It is ordered,

That a proclamation be issued and published in the next Gazette, offering the following rewards for apprehending and securing the said offenders, so that they may be brought to justice; that is to say, for Thomas Jones, £50. John Black &c., £25; Benjamin Davis, £25. £100. Sterling.

Ordered, That the above be sent to the Honorable House of Assembly requesting they will be pleased to provide a sum sufficient to answer the purposes of the said proclamation.

The following grants were this day signed by His Honor the Governor in Council, to wit,

For John Heard	150	Acres	Wilkes County
Charles Burkes	1400	Acres	ditto
Stephen Heard	1965	Acres	ditto
Stephen Heard	650	Acres	ditto
Charles Burkes	300	Acres	ditto
Stephen Heard	300	Acres	ditto
William Smith	200	Acres	ditto

In Council, Savannah 30th January 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	William Stephens	Esquires
Daniel Coleman	John Spencer	
Philip Lowe	Zacharias Fenn	
George Walton	James Powell	

This day His Honor the Governor in Council, signed a grant to Benjs Ridon for two hundred acres land in Wilkes County.

In Council, Savannah 3d February 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	William Stephens	Esquires
Daniel Coleman	John Spencer	
Philip Lowe	Zacharias Fenn	
George Walton	James Powell	

It is ordered,

That the Harbour Master do signify to all masters of Ves-

sels, immediately on their arrival in port, that it is expected they wait on His Honor the Governor, or in case of his absence, on the Honorable the President, and report themselves to him, before they enter at the custom house or presume to break bulk And further, that the said Harbour Master do, if required, accompany the said Masters of Vessels to the Governor, or in case of his absence, the Presidents House.

ORDERED, That the Secretary do furnish the Harbour Master with a copy of the above.

A Letter from Major Pat. Carr, being laid before the Board, containing several matters of information, in particular, a charge supported by three affidavits against Benjamin Lanier Jun.

It is resolved and ordered, that the said Affidavits properly belong to the Judiciary Department and therefore ought to be immediately lodged with the Attorney General; and in respect to the other contents of the said letter as they appear to be of consequence, that they be sent to the Honorable the House of Assembly for their perusal and order thereon.

Letter from the Honorable Lyman Hall Esquire, late Governor, mentioning that he had in his hands some canvass belonging to the public, and desiring to know what he should do with the same.

ORDERED, That the said canvass be delivered into the hands of Thomas Gibbons & C°, lawful vendue Masters, and, as an article of that kind is liable to perish; that the same be immediately sold at public auction and the neet amount to be paid into the Treasury; they, the said Thomas Gibbons & C° returning an account thereof to this Board, and taking out the legal commissions for their trouble.

A plat from Capt. Ignatius Few, for 900 acres of land laid before the Board, with a request from the Surveyor General, to be instructed whether he should pass the same stating the case

to be, that the Board of Justices had granted two new, and seperate warrants, upon two old, and seperate warrants to the said Capt. Few, for the quantity of 900 acres of land in all, that the County Surveyor, had accordingly run two several tracts adjoining each other, upon the said warrants; that the plats of the same were returned into the Surveyor Generals Office. The said Capt. Few, was desirous of putting the said two plats and forming them into one body, and taking only one grant for the whole; on which case the Board are of opinion, that the Surveyor General can possess no discretionary power under the act of Assembly to vary from the form and manner in which the Justices have granted the said land; and therefore, as they stand granted for two different tracts in their books, the Surveyor General must make two distinct plats, so as to preserve a correspondence with the records of the several offices; consequently there must be two distinct grants for this 900 acres aforesaid.

This day His Honor the Governor in Council signed the following grants, to wit,

To..	Thomas Pace	for 100 Acres....	Richmond County.	
"	..Ignatius Few	" 700 "	Wilkes County	
"	..Ignatius Few	" 250 "	do	do

In Council Savannah 6th February 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	James Powell	Esquires
Philip Lowe	Zacharias Fenn	
Daniel Coleman	George Walton	
William Stephens		

Benjamin Green having applied to the Board for the reward

of £50. sterling, offered by proclamation by the Governor, and approved of by the Honble. the House of Assembly, for apprehending and bringing down Thomas Jones, late Jailer, and producing a receipt from the Sheriff of Chatham County for the body of the said Thomas Jones,

It is agreed and ordered, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury for the said reward of £50. sterl^{g} to be paid immediately to the said Benjamin Green, and placed by the Treasurer to the debit of the Contingent Fund.

Letter from Oliver Bowen Esquire, praying bounties of land as a refugee and a citizen, being laid before the Board, the Governor desired the opinion of the Council on the following points.

1st Is a Continental Officer or Soldier, supposing him in actual service and in all respects doing his duty, during the time the British were in possession of any part of this State, entitled to what is called the Refugee Bounty or to the other bounty for steadfastly doing his duty under the act of 20th August 1781. on his producing ample certificates of his good conduct.

Answer—The Council are unanimously of opinion, that a Continental Officer being entitled to a double bounty, that is to say, one from the Continent and one from the State, and being moreover drawing pay, and only performing the duties of the profession he had chosen, and which were no further inconvenient to him (considered as a military man) in the field in one Country than in another is not therefore entitled to either what is called the Refugee Bounty, or the other Bounty under the act of 20th August 1781.

2^{ndly} Is a Continental Officer or Soldier after he receives his bounty land entitled to come in and claim his head rights as a citizen.

Answer..The Council are of opinion he is.

Petition of Thomas Gibbons, praying to have a years lease of the Vendue House—was read—

ORDERED, That he be referred to the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Savannah.

Sundry letters from Caspar, Voghh & C° dated Hambury 20th December 1782 was read.

ORDERED, That they be laid before the Honorable the House of Assembly for their perusal.

This day His Honor the Governor in Council, signed the following grants, viz,

For Ignatius Few	300 acres	Wilkes County
" James McFarland	100 acres	Ditto
" James McFarland	200 acres	ditto
" James McFarland	50 acres	ditto
" John Winkfield	450 acres	ditto
" Ignatius Few	200 acres	ditto
" James McFarland	200 acres	ditto
" James McFarland	100 acres	ditto
" John Pinkston	400 acres	ditto
" Benjamin Thompson	500 acres	ditto
" Nehemiah Wade	350 acres	ditto
" Austin Martin	300 acres	ditto
" Robert Walton	250 acres	ditto
" Granaway Martin	200 acres	ditto
" Ignatius Few	600 acres	ditto

In Council Savannah 10th February 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	Jenkin Davis	Esquires
William Stephens	John Greene	
Philip Lowe	Daniel Coleman	
George Walton	James Powell	

Several letters received by the Governor, to wit, one dated at the cape 28th September 1783, from Rouse & Co respecting a Treasury certificate in their hands for £2009 3/4. One ditto, dated 23d December 1783, from the President of Congress urging the necessity of Delegates being sent forward immediately. another from the same, dated 26th December 1783. inclosing an act of Congress to the same effect; and another, dated the 25th December 1783, from Benjamin Harrison Esquire, Governor of Virginia, on the subject of our commerce with Britain, and enclosing an act of their State, with an extract of a letter from one of their embassadors, being laid before their Board

It is ordered, That the said several letters, with the enclosures be carried by the Secretary to the Honble. the House of Assembly for their order thereon.

Petition Micajah Williamson praying that a grant of a certain tract of land in Wilkes County may pass to him and be signed; and it appearing that the said grant is now caveated, by the Attorney General in behalf of the State

It is ordered, That the signing of the said grant be postponed until the dismission or determination of the said caveat, agreeable to law, in the County and before the tribunal to which it belongs.

The following grants were this day signed by His Honor the Governor in Council.

To John Ramsey	250	Acres	.....	Wilkes County
" Benjamin Few	600	"	.....	Ditto
" William Few	650	"	.....	Do.
" William Few	300	"	.....	Do.
" Margaret Holliday	350	"	.....	Do.
" Benjamin Few	2150	"	.....	Do.
" John Holliday	200	"	.....	Do.

In Council Savannah 13th February 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	John Green	Esquires
James Powell	Philip Lowe	
William Stephens	Daniel Coleman	
Jenkin Davis		

It is resolved, That no grant of land on an old warrant, for the future will be signed, except the following words, to wit; "for which the said A. B. was entitled to a grant previous to the 29th December 1778, the same being ordered by the Board of Justices in said County on an old warrant run and located before that period, as appears to me from the return of the County Surveyor, into my office" be inserted in the certificate from the Surveyor General, annexed to the grant.

Ordered, That the Secretary do furnish the Surveyor General with a copy of the above resolve.

Whereas on the 6th day of this Instant, February, this Board ordered a draft (and the same was accordingly issued and sign-

ed by His Honor the Governor) on the Treasury for £50. sterl^{g} in favor of Benjamin Greene for a reward offered by the Executive, and approved of by the Legislative authority of this State; And whereas, the said draft being presented, the Treasurer would only pay £25. in part thereof, altho' measures were used to throw a sufficient sum into the Treasury to answer the said draft. it being the determination of this Board, as a necessary step towards restoring public credit never to draw but where there were funds provided to answer their drafts without the least delay. The Board taking the premises into consideration do order, that the Treasurer attend this Board immediately, to shew cause why he did not pay the whole of the said draft agreeable to the tenor thereof

ORDERED, That a copy of the above be served on the Treasurer by the Messenger of this Board; and that he be informed that the Board wait for his immediate attendance.

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council—Viz,

To	Zachariah Philips	500 Acres	Wilkes County
"	Thomas Brown	200	Do.
"	Greenberry Lee	400	Do.
"	Daniel Coleman	300	Do.
"	Robert Day	200	Do.
"	Thomas Owen	200	Do.
"	Mary Whatley	200	Do.
"	Nathaniel Howell	300	Do.
"	John Querns	200	Do.
"	John Querns	100	Do.
"	John Querns	500	Do.
"	Andrew Burns	400	Do.
"	George Dooly	500	Do.
"	Absolem Biddle	450	Do.
"	Meridith Catchings	100	Do.
"	Micajah Williamson	200	Do.

To Fred[k] Leapham	900	Acres.....	Wilkes County
" Evan Ragland	500	.....	Do.
" John Cain	250	.....	Do.
" Thomas Brown	350	.....	Do.
" Robert Harper	900	.....	Do.
" Robert Harper	300	.....	Do.

The Treasurer having attended the Board pursuant to order, offered his reasons for not having paid the draft in favor of Benjamin Green in full, which, appearing to have been founded altogether on misapprehension,

It is now,

ORDERED, That he pay the balance of the said draft in full.

In Council, Savannah 17th February 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	George Walton	Esquires
Jenkin Davis	Zacharias Fenn	
John Green	James Powell	
William Stephens	Daniel Coleman	

Jacob Cronberger Esquire, attended Council, produced his appointment by the Honorable House of Assembly Register of Probates for the County of Effingham and was qualified accordingly.

This day a letter was received from Philip Lowe Esquire, informing His Honor the Governor and Council that he could not attend any longer as a Member.

In Council, Savannah 20th February 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	Zacharias Fenn	Esquires
Jenkin Davis	John Green	
William Stephens	Daniel Coleman	
George Walton		

It is agreed that the following Message be sent to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, and
Gentlemen of the Honoble the House of Assembly.

However backward this Board may feel themselves to interfere in matters which are supposed to rest with your Honble. House, yet truth, and the public good constrain them to declare it will be impossible for the members of Council to continue sitting during the time for which they are appointed unless a suitable provision shall be made before the rising of Assembly, for their subsistence payable monthly.

The Members of your Honble House, who live at a distance, are well acquainted, not only with the inconvenience which attends a personal absence from home, but also with the enormous expence of lodging at a boarding house in Savannah, and therefore, will anticipate every suggestion on the subject of enabling the Council to pass through their tour of duty without ruining themselves, or being the ruin of those at whose houses they lodge. The members of this Board wish not to gain any thing by their appointment, but think it equitable and just that whilst they are on public duty, they should be at public expence.

The Board beg leave to inform your Honorable House, there are two vacancies in Council which they request your Honorable

House will be pleased to fill up before you rise. One for Liberty County, in the room of Major Lowe, who has relinquished his seat; and the other for Richmond County in the room of Col° M^c^Neil or Col° Middleton, neither of whom ever took their seats.

The Board wish also, to intimate that it will be requisite to provide a sum of money to defray the expence of carrying up the public papers, and procuring a proper house in Augusta for the Governor and Council to sit in when they shall repair there, and open a land court agreeable to your late law, and for the other unavoidable expence attending that business.

A petition from Daniel Young, Zachariah Henderson and Mordecai Baldwin, Lieutenants; and others, privates; who were in the minute battalions, setting forth the hardships they laboured under, in consequence of not being allowed Bounty Lands in common with other Soldiers of said battalions, merely because they were residents in this State at the time of their enlistment; being presented, and the Board taking the same into consideration, are of opinion that the case of the petitioners is peculiarly hard; especially, as it is suggested they were not, at the time of their being raised, informed of the distinction made between those who were raised in the State, and those raised in any other State; and lament that it is not in their power to grant the Petitioners relief. They, nevertheless, recommend this matter to the consideration of the Legislature, not doubting they will put all the officers and soldiers in those battalions, who served with equal fidelity, on the same footing; especially when it is considered that the number of those who stand excluded from Bounty Land, by the present law, is very trifling in comparison to the whole.

In Council Savannah 24th Feby 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	George Walton	Esquires.
John Green	James Powell	
Zacharias Fenn	Daniel Coleman	
William Stephens		

The Board beg leave to acquaint your Honorable House, that Nathan Brownson Esquire, having offered himself to qualify as a Justice of the peace for Liberty, Glynn and Camden Counties, a difficulty arises whether the said Nathan Brownson, Esquire, is now considered as a Justice of the peace for the said Counties, having been appointed so long ago, as the year 1782, but not having qualified then or at any time since, nor is his name inserted in any general commission since that period. The Board, therefore, wish to be informed whether the said Nathan Brownson Esquire, is considered by your Honorable House as a Justice of the peace for the Counties aforesaid for the present and current year.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Honorable the Legislature of the State of Georgia — (signed)

John Hardy Esquire attended His Honor the Governor in Council, produced his appointment by the Honorable the House of Assembly, as Justice of the peace for the Counties of Liberty, Glynn and Camden, and was qualified accordingly.

Nathan Brownson Esquire attended the Honor the Governor in Council produced his appointment by the Honble. the House of Assembly, as a Justice of the peace for the Counties of Liberty, Glynn and Camden and was qualified accordingly.

This day His Honor the Governor in Council signed a grant of land to Edward Jones for 300. Acres in Wilkes County.

In Council Savannah 27th February 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	George Walton	Esquires
William Stephens	Daniel Coleman	
James McFarland	Zacharias Fenn	
James Powell		

James McFarland Esquire, elected by the Honorable the House of Assembly a Member of this Board for the County of Richmond, in the room of Robert Middleton Esquire who refused taking his seat.

The Governor having proposed some business to the Board, Mr. Fenn stated an objection that there was not a competent number present to go upon business; and insisted that, by the Constitution, no business could be done, unless there was, at least, one member present from each County. The Governor observed, this being a matter of consequence, he wished for the opinion of the Board thereon, for his future government; and therefore, proposed the following question;

Whether in every case, or act of Government appertaining to the Executive Department, there must, at least, be present, one member from each of the six Counties; or whether four members from four different Counties, being a majority of the Counties who appoint Councillors, will be considered as sufficient to go upon business and exercise the powers of Government, supposing a larger number cannot be got together,

The following Gentlemen of the Council are of opinion that the letter of the Constitution seems to require the presence of, at least, one member from each County; yet, from the necessity of the case, and from this consideration; that the most dreadful consequence might result from a stagnation of government, which, would always happen in case of death, sickness, or other unavoidable casualty which should prevent the presence of one Member from each County, who is required by the Constitution to attend where the Governor resides; And further, from this consideration, that the uniform practice (as they are informed) with other Governors ever since the foundation of the Constitution, hath been to consider any four of the Council, from four different Counties, as a sufficient Board, in the recess of the House of Assembly, to do business. They are of opinion, the Governor will be safe, and they do accordingly advise him to consider any four Members, from four different Counties, as a competent number to go upon business, and with him to exercise the powers of government, supposing a larger number do not attend in Council—The aforesaid Gentlemen further recommend that this matter be laid before the House of Assembly at their next meeting for their opinion thereon.

Mr. Walton Mr. Coleman	Wilkes	The President Mr. Stephens	Chatham

Mr. McFarland, Richmond Mr. Powell Liberty.

To the above, Mr. Fenn dissents, as thinking the Governor cannot, by the Constitution, exercise any of the Executive powers of Government, with a less number than one member from each County. He, therefore, recommends that measures be taken to oblige a sufficient number to attend; and that no business, *in any case, or under any casualty,* be done, without such sufficient number.

Whereas, it will be highly inconvenient, for the Sheriffs, Justices of the peace, and other officers of the several Counties,

distant from the seat of Government, to attend personally to take their respective oaths of office; and to comply with the other forms required &c. It is therefore

RESOLVED, That in every case where the same shall be applied for, a Dedimus Potestatem shall and may be issued, by His Honor the Governor in Council, directed to the Chief Justice and the four assistant Judges of the County, and also any three or more of the Justices of the peace of the said County authorizing and empowering them, or any three or more of them, of which three or more, the Chief Justice, or one or more of the Assistant Judges must be part, to receive bonds where the same shall be required, and in all respects to qualify for their respective offices, all such Officers and Justices of the peace for the said Counties respectively, according to the due forms of law. And that such Dedimus Potestatem, be made out by the Secretary in the usual form. If for Justices of the peace, at public charge; but if for any officer, appointed to an office of profit, at his own expence.

His Honor the Governor in Council signed two Dedimus' Potestatem

Doctor's Nathan Brownson and William Read having attended Council, made application for their gratuity of one hundred guineas as per resolve House of Assembly of
and their Bounty of land &c. And at the same time laid before the Board, the following resolve of the House of Assembly, date 16th February 1783: to wit,

"House of Assembly February 16th 1783.

"RESOLVED, That the Officers of the Hospital and Medical "Department, being citizens of this State, be put on the same "footing, respecting their pay, and depreciation and other emolu- "ments, as the officers belonging to the line of this State."

Extract from the Minutes

JOHN WILKINSON C. G. A.

ORDERED, That the said Doctors Brownson and Read do receive the same gratuity as the officers of the line of this State; and their bounty of land agreeable to their rank; And that the Secretary of State be directed to prepare such gratuitous certificate accordingly.

This day His Honor the Governor, in Council, signed the following Grants, to wit,

For Edward Jones	300	Acres	Wilkes County
" Micajah Williamson	100	Do	Do
" Charles Heard	400	Do	Do
" William Thornton	400	Do	Do
" James Freeman	250	Do	Do
" George Tureman	250	Do	Do
" John Cunningham	250	Do	Do
" Elijah Clark	200	Do	Do
" Micajah Williamson	450	Do	Do
" Elijah Clark	1000	Do	Do
" Elijah Clark	200	Do	Do
" John Cunningham	200	Do	Do
" John Heard	300	Do	Do
" John Milner	600	Do	Do
" Edward Jones	750	Do	Do
" John Milner	400	Do	Do
" Micajah Williamson	150	Do	Do
" Micajah Williamson	200	Do	Do
" Holman Freeman	600	Do	Do
" Stephen Heard	2343	Do	Do
" George Tureman	450	Do	Do

In Council, Savannah 28th February 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham George Walton James Powell	Zacharias Fenn William Stephens	Esquires

Ordered, That public notice be given in the Gazette, that all persons possessed of audited claims or certificates against this State, have it at their option to pay in the same for confiscated property to the amount of one half their purchases, or to fund the same agreeable to act of Assembly in such case made And that the Treasurer is ready to receive such payments from purchasers, and to make out certificates of the new denomination for those who choose to fund; which certificates will be signed by His Honor the Governor in Council every Tuesday and Friday in each week and then delivered out.

In Council 1st March 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

James Powell William Stephens	George Walton Zacharias Fenn	Esquires

Captain John Brown, appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly, Searcher for the Port of Savannah, and Daniel Nunez appointed, likewise, Harbour Master for the said Port, attended His Honor the Governor in Council, and took the oaths of office to them respectively pointed out.

It is peremptorily ordered, that the Clerk of the Assembly do immediately attend this Board with the minutes of the proceedings of the Honble. the House of Assembly, at their last session: And that he do furnish the Governor with a fair copy thereof, within three days from this date, otherwise he will be considered as guilty of neglect, and a contempt of the Executive Authority.

The Honorable George Walton Esquire, appointed Chief Justice, by the Honorable the House of Assembly, attended His Honor the Governor in Council, and took the oath of office &c. &c.

John Milton Esquire having signified, in writing, his intention to decline acting any longer as a Notary Public,

It is ordered,

That Edward Davies Esquire be appointed a Notary Public in his stead, and that he do attend the Board and qualify himself for that office.

It being represented to this Board, that there is a quantity of public salt lying on hand in Savannah at an expence and daily waste, and also several public State waggons going to decay,

It is ordered, that the said salt and waggons be sold at public auction by some Vendue Master, and the nett amount sales thereof paid into the Treasury And it is further ordered, that J. George Eimbeck Esquire do superintend this business, and make a return of the proceedings thereon to this Board.

The Governor laid before the Board official dispatches from Congress, covering a proclamation or ratification of the definitive treaty of peace, and a resolve in consequence thereof, in regard to confiscated estates. Also two letters from Governor Guerard by whom the papers from Congress were forwarded;

and who had promised the express ten guineas for bringing the same to Georgia.

ORDERED, That the express be paid the said ten guineas, and that the Governor do give a draft for the same on the Treasury.

The Board, taking the dispatches of Congress and the proclamation or ratification of peace into consideration, do resolve and order, That the said proclamation or ratification be read and published, by the Sheriff, thro' the Streets of Savannah on Wednesday next; that the Militia of the Town and the vicinity thereof, be paraded and mustered on the occasion; And that the Governor accordingly issue orders for the purpose. And further, that His Honor the Chief Justice be furnished with a certified copy of the said proclamation for his government; and that he be requested to cause the same to be published and proclaimed in the different Counties of this State at his ensuing circuit. It is also,

ORDERED, That the Printer be furnished with a copy of the said proclamation, and directed to published the same in the next, and two succeeding Gazettes, and,

It is further ordered, that the said proclamation be recorded in the Secretary's Office; and thereafter, that the same be lodged among the papers of Council, until the next meeting of the Assembly; and then laid before the House, together with the resolve of Congress, which accompanied it, to be disposed of as the said House shall think proper.

Extract of an act passed the last Sessions in Savannah entitled "An Act for laying out two new Counties to the Westward" &c.

Queres thereon put by the Governor to the Council.

1st . . . Was it the intention of the Legislature that all grants for land within the late temporary boundary should be signed

generally, as soon as brought into the Secretary's Office, without requiring any sum of money for those that were granted on purchase; or waiting for the cultivation of three acres to every hundred acres, or the expiration of twelve months.

Answer—

The Council apprehend, from the words of the law, and the construction thereon, which they have learned from the members of the Legislature, that the intention was, that that part of the condition under the former land act, which requires the party to wait for twelve months, and to cultivate three acres to ever hundred acres, before he should be entitled to his grant, should be done away; that the party might claim his grant whenever he had completed his survey, and paid the consideration money and office fees, altho' it should be in one month after the date of his warrant; altho' he should not have cultivated one acre of his tract. In respect to those who obtain warrants on their own head rights; the Council think them entitled to their grants as soon as they complete their surveys, without conforming to any condition whatever; provided, they are residents in this State; but that condition must lie with the Board of Justices before they grant the warrant of Survey.

2dly . . . It is necessary, taking the above clause, and the 9 section of the former land act together, that the party applying for a grant on an old warrant, should shew or make it appear to the Governor before signing thereof, that such old warrant was actually run and located prior to the 29th December 1778.

Answer.

The Council apprehend this matter lies with the board of Justices, and they cannot think the Governor has any more to require, than that it be inserted in the Surveyor Generals certificate, annexed to the Grant, that the land was ordered by the Board of Justices on an old warrant; if that is certified, and the Survey appears legal so far as comes to the Governors knowl-

edge, the Council think the grant ought, under the clause in the last act, to be signed, provided there is no caveat depending against the same.

3dly . . . Is a person entitled to any indefinite quantity of land under old warrants or is he restricted to one thousand acres?

Answer

The Council are of opinion that whatever quantity of land a person had warrants for on the 29th December 1778, be it over or under one thousand acres, he is entitled to have a grant or grants for, now under the said ninth section of the former land act, and that without being delayed or subjected to any incumbrances but the Office fees.

This day His Honor the Governor, in Council, signed the following Grants, to wit,

For Stephen Bishop	250	Acres	Wilkes County
" Wm & John Anderson	200	"	Do.
" Hezekiah Lindsacum	300	"	Do.
" Margaret Brady	200	"	Do.
" John Rutherford	300	"	Do.
" Zacharias Philips	200	"	Do.

In Council Savannah 2d March 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham, John Green, James Powell, Zacharias Fenn, Jenkin Davis } Esquires

James Maxwell Esquire produced his appointment of a Justice

of the peace for the County of Liberty, was accordingly qualified at the Board.

Edward Davies Esquire, pursuant to his being appointed to succeed John Milton Esquire as Notary Public, attended Council and took the oath prescribed for him on that occasion.

Captain Nathaniel Pearre having offered his service to bring in the public records and papers of this State from the northward, under the resolve of Assembly passed on the day of February last, on the following terms, that is to say, thirty five pounds, to be paid in advance in cash, and seven hundred and fifty acres of land to be granted him on his return and completing the business.

It is agreed and ordered, that this Board will employ and do hereby accordingly appoint the said Capt Pearre to bring in the said public papers and records on the terms and conditions proposed by him— And do order that the Treasurer pay and advance him the said thirty five pounds in hand.

A Letter from General M^c^Intosh, dated 1st March 1784, being laid before the Board, claiming in behalf of the Georgia Line, 1st a bounty of lands, both as refugees and faithful citizens, in addition to the bounties allowed them as military men from the Continent and the State; 2dly the liberty of running the lands granted as bounties in any part of the State without being confined to the reserve made for the army, which, the General thinks, was intended to secure absentees in their claims; observing, that the act of 1783 gave them that liberty, and the act of 1784, does not repeal such clauses; 3^rdly^ the priviledge of obtaining warrants and running their lands immediately, without being obliged to wait till the land Court is opened in Augusta; observing, that the officers are chiefly down here, and that it will be more convenient to apply in Savannah, than attend in Augusta.

RESOLVED, As to the 1st point; that the General be furnished

with the resolution of this Board on the 6th ult° in answer to a letter from Oliver Bowen Esquire. As to the 2d The Council are of opinion that, by the second clause of the act of February 17th 1783, the officers and Soldiers of the Line, are entitled to take up their bounties any where within the late temporary boundary; but should they incline to go into the two new Counties; that they are, by the act of February 25th 1784, expressly confined and restricted to the reserve made for them on the forks of the Oconee River. As to the 3d The Council are of opinion that, by the clause of the said act of February 25th 1784, no land can be granted or warrants be issued for lands within the two new Counties before the 1st Tuesday in April next, on which day it is expressly declared, a land court shall be opened at Augusta for the purpose of granting out lands under, and by virtue of the said act, which implies that the land court for the purposes mentioned in the last act should be considered as shut till the said first Tuesday in April; more especially, as the 11th Section of the former land act expressly declares: no lands shall be run or taken up in those Counties, or any where else beyond the then boundary, till leave was given, and the mode pointed out by the Legislature, which leave is now by them fixed to the first Tuesday in April.

In Council Savannah 5th March 1784.

Present, the Honorable the President

George Walton	John Green	Esquire
Zacharias Fenn	John Spencer	
James Powell		

Letter from Richard Call Esquire, Surveyor General, respecting the best mode of conveying the papers, belonging to his office to Augusta, was laid before the Board— Whereupon,

ORDERED, That the Surveyor General be informed that this Board approve of the means pointed out in his letter; and that he be requested to forward the said papers with all expedition.

ORDERED, That the Secretary do furnish the said Richard Call Esquire with the above resolve.

Mr. William Few and Mr. Brownson, two of the Trustees of the College to be established in this State, presented a resolve of the House of Assembly, of which the following is a copy.

House of Assembly 25th February 1784.

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Governor be requested to Grant eight land warrants for five thousand acres each, in the names of John Houston, James Habersham, William Few, Joseph Clay, Abram Baldwin, William Houstoun and Nathan Brownson Esquires, or their successors in office, in trust for the College that is to be established in this State; that one or more of the said trustees be requested to proceed immediately; with a Surveyor or Surveyors, and superintend the surveying of the said land in each County agreeable to the act for that purpose made. That His Honor the Governor be requested to draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of the said Trustees, for the sum of twenty pounds for the purpose of paying chain bearers and defraying the necessary expence of surveying."

Extract from the minutes

(Signed) JOHN WILKINSON C. G. A.

Whereupon,

ORDERED, That the Secretary furnish the above named Gentlemen with an extract from the minutes of Council of the 2nd Instant, relative to the granting of warrants, for their information.

It is further ordered, That the Honorable the President, in

the absence of His Honor the Governor, do draw an order on the Treasury for twenty pounds sterling in favor of the Trustees agreeable to the resolve above cited.

In Council, Savannah 9th March 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	George Walton	Esquires
Jenkin Davis	John Greene	
James Powell	Zacharias Fenn	

ORDERED, That the Collector be directed to inform this Board what sum of money he hath in his hands, with which he can furnish the Treasury, arising from the duties payable into his office.

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board, by a proclamation and orders from His Excellency Governor Tonyn, that the British Troops are about to evacuate East Florida. And whereas, it is represented that many negroes and other property belonging to the citizens of this State, and which were carried off from the same, are now in the said province of East Florida, in the hands and possession of certain persons there. It is therefore,

RESOLVED, That it is necessary and expedient, that some person or persons should be immediately sent from this State, as a Commissioner or Commissioners to His Excellency Governor Tonyn, requiring that the said negroes and other property be restored to their respective owners, agreeable to the Treaty of peace; and that such Commissioner or Commissioners, do advertise, previous to their setting off, for all persons who have lost negroes or other property which they suspect to be in East Florida, to give in an account of the same, and furnish proper

proofs and powers for recovery thereof. And whereas, Peter Bard Esquire having offered himself as a Commissioner for the purposes aforesaid and to go at his own private expence—it is agreed that the said Peter Bard be accordingly appointed a Commissioner for the purposes aforesaid: and that he be furnished with an extract of this, and the preceding resolution of Council.

ORDERED, That the Treasurer do furnish this Board with a State of the Treasury, that is to say, of all the monies that have been brought in, and of all the issues therefrom, commencing on the 1st January, and ending on the 1st March Instant inclusive, and that he do, in future, at the end of every two months, during the present year furnish a like state to this Board.

ORDERED, That the Secretary do serve the Treasurer with a copy of the above order—

The petition of Thomas Jones, a person convicted at the last sessions in Savannah, and sentence to punishment—being presented— It is

RESOLVED, That this Board do not conceive there are any circumstances in favour of the said Thomas Jones within their knowledge, which entitle him to the interference of the Executive Department.

In Council, Savannah 11th March 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

George Walton	Zacharias Fenn	Esquire
John Green	John Habersham	
Jenkin Davis		

The Board, having reconsidered the application of the Trus-

tees for the endowment of a College, and having perused the land act are of opinion, that it was the intention of the Legislature to discriminate, and give the preference to this survey of all others; and considering the general interest and concern in the institution in question, they do resolve, that warrants of survey may immediately issue from the Governor in Council, in Savannah before the opening of the Land Court in Augusta, for laying out the said land alloted by the said act for the endowment of a College. And it is accordingly,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the State do immediately make out eight warrants for the same—that is to say, four of 5000 acres each, in Franklin County and four more of the like quantity each, in Washington County, in manner pointed out by the Land act; And that the Governor do sign the same.

The same were accordingly, signed this day in Council; by His Honor the Governor.

Pursuant to order of Council of the 2d day of this instant, March, a Commission under the Great Seal of the State, was made out and signed by His Honor the Governor, to Capt Pearre, authorizing him to take charge of the public papers and records and bring the same back to Savannah,—

It is ordered, That the Commissioners of confiscated estates do, immediately lodge all bonds and mortgages which, at present, remain in their hands for confiscated property, in the Treasury; and that the Treasurer do forthwith furnish this Board, with an account and state of all bonds in his office for confiscated property which have been lodged there otherwise than by a Committee of the House of Assembly.

Application being made to the Board by Philip Minis, a citizen of this State, setting forth, that he had imported an assortment of goods from Holland which said goods, being brought into Charleston, were charged with a duty of 2½ per cent. which he

was obliged to pay; that the said goods being now brought up to this State, agreeable to consignment, without even breaking the packages, were now charged with another duty of 2½ pr. cent, by the Collector of Savannah; which the said P. Minis conceives to be hard upon him and injurious to the trade. It is therefore,

ORDERED, That the Collector be directed to take bond and security agreeable to law from the said P. Minis, for the amount of the duties, but not to insist upon payment of the same until after the rising of the next House of Assembly; that at the first meeting of the Legislature, the case be laid before them; and that it be recommended that this State endeavour to concert some method with the State of S° Carolina of reciprocally granting a draw back to the citizens of each State in similar cases, where the consignment has not been altered from the form in which it was at first made, and where the packages have never been broken open, until they arrived where the consignee actually resided.

WHEREAS, a Sloop Francis Watlington Master, going down the river was lost. And whereas, the few articles which were saved from her, being sold at Vendue, the Vendue Master, Richard Leake, has retained the Vendue Tax on the same. And whereas, it appears from the decision of the House of Assembly in two similar cases, to wit, the one of Ebenezer Bailley, and the other of one Nichols, that the Legislature did not conceive the Tax ought to be exacted in such cases.

It is therefore,

ORDERED, That the said Tax, retained by the said Richard Leake, be returned to the said Francis Watlington, or his Attorney, on either of them giving note with security to pay the same into the Treasury immediately on the rising of the next House of Assembly, in case the said House shall not, during their Session remit the same, as they have done in the two cases before mentioned.

In Council, Savannah 12th March 1784.

Present

His Honor the Governor

James Powell	George Walton	Esquires
John Habersham	John Green	
Zacharias Fenn		

It is ordered,

That the Commissioners appointed by an act passed at Augusta on the 29th July 1783 for repairing the Filature in Savannah, be requested to proceed in the said business: and that they signify to the Board what money will be immediately wanted, over and above what has been already paid into the hands of Samuel Stirk Esquire to enable them to begin upon the same.

Petition of Joseph Woodruff Esquire, praying an assistant deputy was read—

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Legislature at their next meeting.

On reconsideration

It is ordered,

That the following be the notice given in the Gazette, under the order of the 28th February last.

That all persons possessed of audited claims or certificates against this State, may now, according to their several and respective cases, either pay into the same for confiscated property to the amount of one half their purchases, or fund the same agreeable to act of Assembly in such case made. That the Treasurer is ready to receive such payments from purchasers, and certificates of the new denomination will now be given out to those

who fund; which said certificates will be signed by His Honor the Governor, in Council, every Tuesday and Friday in each week.

In Council, Savannah 16th March 1784.

Present

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	William Stephens	Esquires
James Powell	Zacharias Fenn	
John Spencer	George Walton	

The presentments of the Grand Jury for the County of Chatham, being laid before the Board by order of the Honorable the Superior Court of the said County; it is ordered as follows.

On the second— That, until the Legislature shall consider of the expediency and propriety of incorporating the Town of Savannah, it be recommended to the Commissioners of said Town, and Common thereunto belonging, that they execute and perform the several duties required of them by act of Assembly passed 1st May 1760, which was revived and continued by another act passed 30th July 1783.

On the latter part of the 3d— That all Justices of the peace in and throughout the State be enjoined and required to enforce the act of Assembly, passed 4th March 1762, entitled "An act for preventing and punishing vice, profaneness and immorality, and for keeping holy the Lords day, commonly called Sunday" against all persons who shall be guilty of the practices complained of in the said presentment.

On the Fourth— That a copy of the presentment be delivered to the Commissioners of the pilotage under the late act; and

that they be informed this Board are ready to give them every support and assistance falling within their Department; convinced of the necessity there is of making the pilotage an object of serious attention.

On the Fifth— That it be notified by public advertisement in the Gazette, that the Commissioners of the respective wads, particularly the causeway complained of, make themselves liable to a prosecution which will, certainly, be ordered against them in case of further neglect.

That the person who keeps the Ferry on Ogechee River is liable to a penalty of five shillings for every day he neglects having the Boats and landings, together with other matters mentioned; in proper order and repair, by the act for establishing the said ferry, passed the 11th April 1768, which is now of force —And that the officers of the Militia be required to execute the several duties required of them by the parole laws, which, it is thought, will be fully adequate to the redress of all grievances on this head.

On the Sixth— That it be notified to all persons concerned, in and throughout this State, that it is the opinion of this Board, that, altho' the Constitution and practice thereunder have altered the mode of appointing Constables, yet as soon as any person is elected to that office, he falls at that instant subject to the act of Assembly passed 27th March 1759, which was revived and continued by another Act passed 30th July 1783, both in respect to his duty and the penalties incurred for refusal to act in the first instance, and for breach or neglect of duty afterwards. And in case of any persons refusing to serve who has been voted in at the general election, and paying the penalty inflicted by this act, this Board are of opinion, that the vacancy ought to be filled up in the manner pointed out by the 6th clause of the said act of Assembly, out of persons who have never, since the resolution, acted as Constables, until the office shall have gone round as directed by law.

ORDERED, That the foregoing orders of Council, be published in the Gazette immediately after the presentments of the Grand Jury.

In Council, Savannah 17th March 1784.

Present

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	William Stephens	Esquires
Zacharias Fenn	James Powell	
George Walton	John Spencer	

A petition from a number of persons in Wilkes County being laid before the Board, the Governor desired the opinion of Council on the following points—

1st . . . Has the Board a right to suspend the operation of the land act, complained of, beyond the time appointed therein for opening the land Court? or, supposing them to possess the right, is it expedient and proper to exercise the same upon the present occasion?

The Board on reading over the land act, find the same does positively require that a land court shall be opened at Augusta on the 1st Tuesday in April next, for the purpose of granting out lands under the said act. And that there is no discretionary power therein lodged with the Executive to postpone the opening the said Court. They are therefore, unanimously of opinion, on a settled principle, that no Executive, as such, can possess the power of suspending the operation of a positive law, that this Board has not a right to postpone the opening of the land Court beyond the time appointed by law.

2nd . . . Is it necessary and advisable to call the Assembly,

in consequence of the said petition, at an earlier day than they stand adjourned to?

The Council, finding only nineteen names to the petition before them, tho' they are informed those are very respectable characters, yet as they are all from one County, and are so small a proportion of the inhabitants thereof, they cannot advise the Governor to call the Assembly at an earlier day than they stand adjourned to, without a more general application for that purpose, from the inhabitants of the State.

John Martin Esquire, Treasurer for the State, having, by letter of this date, signified his desire of resigning said office.

It is ordered, That the said John Martin Esquire, do furnish this Board, with a State of the Treasury, and also of all the bonds for confiscated property or otherwise, lodged in his office; as likewise of all other matters appertaining to the Treasury; and that then he be permitted to resign the said office.

William Stephens Esquire, appointed a Magistrate for the County of Chatham, by the Honorable the House of Assembly, was this day sworn accordingly, before His Honor the Governor in Council.

The Collector of the Port of Savannah, applied to the Board for instructions on the following case, viz, There are three Merchants Copartners in trade—one of them is a citizen here, another arrives with a Cargo of goods, but has never before been in America; the third remains in England, a subject of Britain; the Cargo of goods is the property of, and consigned to, the three copartners by name— The question is, whether these goods are liable to the transient duty?

The Council taking the premises into consideration are of opinion, on reading the act passed 4th March 1762, which runs in the following wads "any goods, wares or merchandize not belonging to, or consigned to any person resident in this, (then)

province" that two thirds of the said Cargo of goods which belonged to, and were consigned to the two Copartners who were not residents in this State, are liable to the said transient duty.

WHEREAS, by an act of Assembly passed 27th March 1759, entitled "an act to prevent Masters of Vessels from carrying off persons in debt, from this (then) Province," which was revived and continued by another act passed 30th July 1783, it is directed and required, that the Master or Commander of every Ship, or Vessel arriving in this Port, do, before he trade with any person or persons whatsoever; or do unload or land any goods, wares or merchandise (perishable green fruit or living creatures only excepted) enter into bond in the Secretary's Office with one sufficient freeholder or well known Merchant, in the penalty of one hundred and fifty pounds sterling conditioned as therein mentioned. And whereas, there are several other regulations mentioned and contained in the said act to be complied with on the part of the said Masters or Commanders of Vessels, which, it is represented to this Board, are, together with the one above mentioned, totally neglected. It is therefore,

ORDERED, That the Collector do, upon the arrival of any Ship or Vessel in this Port, and upon the Master or Commander thereof coming to his office to enter, inform the said Master or Commander with the forms and regulations contained in the said Act: and see that the same, as far as lies with him be complied with— And in case of refusal or neglect by the said Master or Commander, that a proper report thereof be made, in order that prosecutions may be commenced for the penalties thereby incurred. And whereas, it is also enacted, by the said law, that all and every person or persons, capable of contracting debts, who have, may or shall reside within this State for the space of thirty days, (except as therein excepted) shall before he, she or they obtain a license or ticket to go from this State, set up his, her or their names in the Secretary's Office twenty one days, or shall give bond in the said office with two sufficient securities in the

penalty of one hundred and fifty pounds sterling, conditioned as therein mentioned; which said regulation together with others on the part of persons intending to depart this State, are, as it is represented to this Board, often times neglected to the injury of their creditors. It is therefore, notified to all persons concerned, that the several clauses of the said act, will, in future, be strictly enforced against all defaulters, and the penalties incurred by any neglect of the same duly exacted. And whereas in and by another act of the assembly passed 9th June 1761, also revived and continued by the act aforesaid, and commonly called the attachment act, it is provided in the 13th clause or section thereof; that where any person about to depart this State, shall, thirty days before his departure give notice by entering his name in the Secretary's Office, and by advertisement in the Gazette, or in case of no Gazette, at some noted place in the parish where such person shall reside, and the watch or vendue House in Savannah of his intended departure; and that he is ready to answer any suit that shall be brought against him; and in the mean time shall be always ready to give bail to any writ or summons that shall be issued against him. And in every such case the person or persons neglecting or refusing to commence his, her or their suit, while the party to defend shall be present and offering to answer the same as aforesaid, shall not have any benefit by the said attachment act; nor shall attach the absent party's estate or effects for any matter or cause of action whatsoever, arising from such notice given as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the foregoing be published in the Gazette for three successive weeks.

It is ordered

Pursuant to a resolve of Assembly date 14th February 1784, that the Governor do give an order on the Treasurer for one hundred and twenty five pounds specie, the same being so much audited, as appears by a certificate from the auditor, in favor of John Smith, in part of Colº Martins contracts laid before the

House, for waggons purchased, which sum is to be paid out of bonds, at present, in the hands of the Attorney General, which the Treasurer is, by the said resolve, authorized to call for.

And whereas, it appears that this very waggon and team bought of the said John Smith, is the waggon and team which Nehemiah Wade Esquire is to account for to the State, by the resolve aforesaid. It is therefore,

Ordered, That a copy of the foregoing be lodged with the auditor, who is required to proceed for an account of the same against the said Nehemiah Wade in manner pointed out by the late law.

The several public Officers of this State having represented to this Board the inconveniences they labour under for want of proper hours fixed for keeping open their respective offices, and doing business:

It is ordered,

For the present, and until the Legislature shall make an order to the contrary, that the office hours of all the public Offices, in Savannah be from nine to one in the forenoon, and from three to five in the afternoon; during which hours all such officers are required to give constant attendance in their respective offices every day in the week, Sundays and holy days only excepted.

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In Council, Savannah 19th March 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

William Stephens	James Powell	Esquires
Zacharias Fenn	George Walton	

A letter from Mr. William Clark, formerly, of Augusta, being laid before the Board, requesting protection and leave to settle in this State; and it appearing there is no legal objection to the said William Clark, the person of that name who is named in the act of banishment, being of St Andrew's Parish, and a different man from the present William Clark.

It is ordered, pursuant to resolve of Assembly dated 25th February 1784, That the said William Clark receive a protection from this Board until the law shall be passed pointing out the mode of admitting persons to the rights of citizenship.

A Letter from Lachlan McIntosh, Major General, setting forth that he received a certificate for Bounty Lands according to rank of Brigadier General, whereas it ought to be agreeable to his Commission from the President of Congress and the Secretary at was dated for the rank of a Major General.

It is ordered, That a certificate be given him for the difference between the right of a Brigadier and a Major General, the same being five hundred acres.

Whereas, it appears to this Board, that Josiah Powell Esquire, who formerly acted as a Commissioner of confiscated property under the act of confiscation and banishment, passed at Augusta on the 4th May 1782, did, whilst he acted in that office, advance several sums of money out of his pocket for carrying the said act into execution, amounting in all to eighteen pounds, nine shillings and four pence, which said accounts

amounting to that sum, he hath got properly audited and certified by the Auditor— And whereas, in and by the 19th clause of the said act, it is enacted, that such expences shall be allowed by the public; and the said Josiah Powell, having proposed to take the same by way of discount, with the public against so much of the specie part of a bond of his, now in the Treasury for confiscated property:

It is ordered, That the said eighteen pounds, nine shillings and four pence be allowed as so much of the specie part of the bond of the said Josiah Powell, under the authority of the said law, and in consideration of a similar allowance to Major Odingsells, another of the said Commissioners, being made by the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Ordered, That Nathan Brownson and John Martin Esquires, late Governors of this State, be requested to favor this Board, as soon as may be, with a return of the number of Militia of the different Counties of this State, who were in actual service during their respective administrations.

In Council Savannah 23d March 1784.

Present

His Honor the Governor

James Powell	George Walton	Esquires
Zacharias Fenn	Jenkin Davis	
John Fulton	William Stephens	

This day the Honorable John Fulton Esquire, took his seat at the Board.

A letter from the Auditor, respecting his auditing Treasury certificates for money, formerly, to wit, in the years 1777 and

1778, lent the State, being laid before the Board— It is therefore resolved and

ORDERED, That this Board possess no power in regard to such certificates, but what is expressly given by the Honorable the House of Assembly, and upon looking over the minutes of the last Session of the said House they find only four cases in which the priviledge of auditing the said certificates and reducing the amount into specie is given and granted, that is to say, Mr. Graves, Mr. Downes Mr. Walton and Mr. Langworthy; and they are, therefore, of opinion, that all other cases of this nature must lie over and wait the order of the House of Assembly; And in regard to the said certificates which are taken up and exchanged as mentioned in the Auditors letter, this Board are of opinion, that the same ought to be lodged in the Treasury, there to remain until they shall be ordered to be burnt and destroyed by the said House.

WHEREAS, the Honorable the President and some Members of the Executive Council, are required to proceed to Augusta by the 1st Tuesday in next month to open a land court there. And whereas, the wads being at present infested with robbers;

It is ordered, That a guard, consisting of an officer and from 6 to 12 horsemen, be furnished by the commanding officer of each County to escort the President and Members of Council thro' such County; that is to say, the guard of Chatham to escort the said President and Members of Council to the lower line of Effingham County,—that the guard of Effingham County be ready there, and escort them to the lower line of Burke County; that the guard of Burke County be ready there, and escort them to the lower line of Richmond County; and that the guard of Richmond be ready there and escort them to Augusta. That a copy of the foregoing be sent to the respective commanding officers; and that they be informed, at the same time, that the President and Members of Council will set out from Savannah on Tuesday the 30th day of this instant, March. And that is

required that the several guards do so order themselves as to be in readiness at the several and respective places before pointed out to them, at the proper times when they may expect the President and Members of Council to be along, or one day sooner.

John Martin Esquire, having resigned the office of Treasurer,

It is agreed, that Seth John Cuthbert Esquire be and he is hereby accordingly appointed to that office in the room of the said John Martin, on his giving the security of twenty thousand pounds required by resolve of Assembly dated 25th February, before his entering on the duties of the said office, and taking the necessary oath of qualification.

A petition from Mercy Watts, praying leave for her husband, Chas Watts, who is named in the act of banishment, to come into this State for twelve months under, as she conceived, the terms of the Treaty of peace, being laid before the Board,

It is ordered,

That the said Mercy Watts be furnished with an extract of that part of the report of a Committee, afterwards agreed to by the House of Assembly on the 14th February last, which relates to this business, and was in answer to a Message from the Governor on this very subject.

An affidavit of John Hodges respecting some men on the South side of the Alatamaha River being laid before the Board,

It is ordered, That a copy of the said affadavit be immediately sent to Colo Baker, and that he be directed to take such measures as shall appear necessary for protecting the settlements or for interrupting the said plunderers, by turning out a sufficient party of the militia of his Regiment for that purpose, in case he shall judge it requisite: and also that a copy of the said affidavit be sent to Major Carr for his information and guide.

It is ordered, That a copy of the resolve of Assembly dated 26th February last, be transmitted and furnished the Surveyor General, and that he be directed to proceed on the said business without the least delay.

This day His Honor the Governor, in Council, signed a grant to Robert Walton for 98 acres—Richmond County.

Omitted from the 19th Instant.

A letter dated 18th instant from Major General McIntosh, being laid before the Board, it was resolved as follows.

1st That the Board, so far as lies within them, will concur in the mode pointed out by the General, of numbering certificates and running lands for the soldiery in the reserve made for them since the same is by general consent, with this exception, that they are doubtfull how far the land court will be invested with a discretionary power of putting the holders of certificates on a better or worse footing than the original proprietors themselves would be, or how far they can take notice of such transfers or sales of a mere *right* not reduced to *possession* as the General refers to.

2ndly That by the 8th Sect. of the late land act, the lands within the respective Counties are to be surveyed by the County Surveyors respectively, and the Assistants appointed by them. And therefore, this Board are not competent to the appointment of a particular Surveyor for the lands within the reserve belonging to the Soldiery.

3rdly That the Governor do write a letter to General McIntosh informing him of the foregoing being the sense of the Board; at the same time assuring the General, they feel every inclination to carry the intentions of Congress and the State into effect, in the manner that shall appear most for the benefit and advantage of the line and other forces belonging to Georgia.

David Montaigut Esquire, appointed Comptroller, by the Honorable the House of Assembly, attended his Honor the Governor and took and subscribed the oath of office pursuant to law.

In Council, Savannah 26th March, 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	Jenkin Davis	Esquires.
James Powell	Zacharias Fenn	
John Fulton	George Walton	
William Stephens		

Application being made to the Board by George Miller, Richard Sill, and Alexander Bisset of East Florida, Planters, requesting protection and leave to settle in this State, and it appearing there is no legal objection to the said persons,

It is ordered, pursuant to resolve of Assembly, dated 25th Febry. 1784, That the said G. M. R. S. and A. B. receive a protection from this Board until a law shall be passed, pointing out the mode of admitting persons to the rights of citizenship.

General Elbert acquainted the Board, that the bounty of land allowed him as Colo ought to be that of a Brigadier General, and produced his Commission, bearing date 4th November 1783, It is agreed,

That a certificate be given him for the deficiency different between the Bounty allowed, a Colonel and a Brigadier General, being seven hundred acres.

Application being made by Edward Davies Esquire, for the

admission of James Cassels, a person named in the act of banishment of South Carolina.

It is resolved, That persons under that description are among such as the Assembly, by their resolve of 25th Feby 1784, intended should be considered as under a legal impediment; and therefore, not admissible as citizens.

Seth John Cuthbert Esquire, appointed Treasurer, in the room of John Martin Esquire resigned, attended His Honor the Governor, in Council, and took and subscribed the oath of office; and gave bond with security as required by resolve of Assembly dated 25th Feby last.

In Council, Savannah 29th March 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

James Powell	John Habersham	Esquires
John Fulton	George Walton	

William Barnard Esquire, appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly, one of the Justices of the peace for the County of Chatham, attended His Honor the Governor, in Council, and took and subscribed the oath of office.

George Handley Esquire, appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly, one of the Justices of the peace for the Counties of Liberty, Glynn and Camden, attended His Honor the Governor in Council, and took and subscribed the oath of office.

A certificate from the Auditor for £334. 1. 4, payable to

David Harris and his company, being offered by Mr. Abram Jones to be funded; and it appearing that altho' the resolve of Assembly, dated July 14th 1783, made such certificates good, yet by letter from Mr. Wereat of 29th March 1784, it appears that there were some errors the said account. The Governor desired the opinion of the Council, whether the said certificate ought to be funded.

The Council are of opinion, that it ought for the present, but nevertheless, as it appears by an endorsement on the said certificate, that £115. in part thereof is to be paid to Mr. Abram Jones, the Council recommend, that Mr. Jones be permitted to take out a funded certificate for that sum and that the balance, say £219. 1. 4½ which is more than the amount of the charges objected to, remain unfunded until the said account shall be properly liquidated and settled.

Ordered. That there be a draft on the Treasury in favor of John Riley, Door-keeper, for a quarter of his salary, in consideration of his being obliged to go to Augusta to attend the Land Court.

In Council, Savannah 2d April 1784

Present,

His Honor the Governor

William Stephens	Benjamin Andrew	Esquires
John Fulton	Jenkin Davis	

Application being made by Doctor Nathan Brownson for the bounty granted to refugees and also that to citizens who should steadfastly do their duty from the period, and in manner pointed

out by the resolve of Assembly the following appeared to be the case—Doctor Brownson, in December 1778, went off, a refugee from this State, he continued so, till about June 1781, he then accepted a Continental appointment, which he held for two months, he then relinquished that appointment and came into this State, of which he was appointed Governor, in August 1781, he continued Governor for the remainder of the year, and a faithful citizen afterwards till the evacuation of the British in July 1782; he then accepted of a re-appointment of the same Continental office which he held till the peace—Is Doctor Brownson, under these circumstances, entitled to the two Bounties now claimed by him? having, already, received his bounty as a Continental Officer, and the gratuity of one hundred guineas under the resolve of the 9th January 1782.

It appears to the Council that Doctor Brownson was placed in that situation, that he might have made his election and claimed bounty, either as a citizen or a Soldier during the time of his absence from home, and as he had made such election and taken up his bounty as a Soldier, which amounts to one thousand acres, and moreover, received one hundred guineas as a gratuity for his Continental services, which were only for two months, and is, also, entitled to pay for that time; that, therefore, he is not now entitled to claim any other bounty; the refugee bounty being compensated for by what is before mentioned, and *that* called the citizens bounty by the salary the said Doctor Brownson received or is entitled to as Governor of the State.

Ordered, That Capt. E'mbeck do let Mr. William O'Bryan have a quantity of bricks not exceeding five thousand out of the ruins of the barracks, as applied for by him, taking his receipt to return a like quantity to the public when required.

The Board, on considering the resolve of Congress, of the 13th September 1783, are of opinion, that the officers of the Continental Army, are entitled to the bounty of land, both from the

Continent and State agreeable to the promotion made by the said resolve; that is to say,—as every Officer who holds the same rank now, that he did in the year 1777 is promoted one grade higher, therefore it follows, every Brigadier, becomes a Major General; every senior full Colonel, a Brigadier; every senior Lieutenant Colonel, a full Colonel; every senior Major a Lieutenant Colonel; every eldest Captain, a Major; every eldest 1st Lieutenant, a Captain; and every eldest second Lieutenant, a 1st Lieutenant. and

It is ordered, that they accordingly have certificates for the bounty allowed the said ranks respectively.

Whereas; Major General McIntosh, on the 2nd February last, applied to fund the sum of £5581. 12. 4 under the releasing act; but on account of the Treasury business being, at that time, and for some time after, deranged, by reason of a variety of circumstances first; and afterwards the resignation of the Treasurer the same could not then be done, The Board are, therefore, of opinion, as the said sum is now funded, and the delay heretofore hath not been owing to the General, that the certificate ought to carry interest from the said 2d February last, and do order, that a note thereof be made on the back of the said refunded certificate.

Tuesday 5th April 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

William Stephens, John Fulton, Benjamin Andrew } Esquires

Who, not being sufficient to form a Board, adjourned without doing any business; agreeing, nevertheless, that an express be sent for the Effingham Member at his charge.

In Council, Friday 9th April 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

Benjamin Andrew	John Fulton	Esquires
John Spencer	William Stephens	

WHEREAS, a number of idle and disorderly persons, some of them of notoriously bad characters, are daily coming into this State, from the Southward,

It is ordered, That the Justices of the peace, constables and other peace officers be vigilant in enforcing the vagrant act, passed 29th February 1764; the late vagrant act, passed 5th August 1782, having expired with the war, against all such persons as shall appear to fall thereunder; and it is further

ORDERED, That every Master or Commander of any Ship or Vessel arriving from the Province of East Florida, within one month from this date do, before he shall suffer any passengers to land, make a report of their names to the Attorney General, if he shall arrive in any part of the County of Chatham or to one of the Assistant Justices, if he shall arrive in any part of the County of Liberty; and obtain a permit or license from the said Attorney General or Assistant Justice, for the landing of such passengers.

And it is further ordered, That, upon the landing of such persons the said Attorney General or Assistant Justice, do examine them and, according to circumstances, take order respecting them. And if it shall appear the said persons belong to any of the Northern States, that the said Attorney General or Assistant Justice (as the case may be) do give them a permit to pass with all expedition to the district of the State to which such persons belong specifying therein that if such persons are found loiter-

ing in this State, the Justices of the Peace are required to cause them to be dealt with as vagrants.

ORDERED, pursuant to two resolves of Assembly, dated 24th & 25th days of February last, that John Wereat Esquire, have a draft upon the Treasury for the balance of his salary up to the first day of January last, amounting to £587. 16. 10 3/4 agreeable to the account thereof rendered in by him.

A petition from Sarah Frazer, respecting a negroe girl claimed by the petitioner and now in the possession of Jeremiah Carney, being laid before the Board, and it being suggested that the State hath a claim to the said negroe, as belonging to the estate of Arthur Carney, named in the bill of banishment and confiscation—It is therefore,

ORDERED, That the said petition be referred to the Commissioners of Forfeited Estates; and that they be directed to take the necessary steps thereon in behalf of the State. And if the said Carney, or any other person, now in possession of the said negroe, refuse to deliver her up, on application of the said Commissioners, that they do immediately inform the Attorney General thereof, who is directed to prosecute such person or persons, under the 13th clause of the confiscation act or otherwise proceed against them according to law.

RESOLVED as the opinion of this Board, that the late duty act passed 26th February 1784, does not abrogate or do away the transient duty act passed 4th March 1762, or any other transient duty; that it appears negroes were not comprehended in the said transient duty act of 4th March 1762; but that another act passed 29th September 1773, which extended the said transient duty to negroes; that the said last mentioned act was, on being sent to the British King in Council, rejected, and, consequently, by the Constitution and government then acknowledged, the same became totally annulled and was not of force when the revolution happened; that, nevertheless, in and by an act, passed

at Augusta on 30th January 1783, the said act of 29th September 1773, hath been, amongst others, revived and continued, and is now of force.

The Board are therefore of opinion, as the law now stands, the transient duty on all goods, wares and merchandize, and negroes is due and payable by importers liable to the same as well as the general duty on trade imposed by the late act.

Ordered, That a copy of the above be furnished the Collectors of the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury; and that they be directed to govern themselves accordingly.

A memorial from John Collier, being laid before the Board, stating some facts and desiring to know whether he was liable to the transient duty.

Resolved as the opinion of this Board, that the said John Collier is liable to the said transient duty, he having never, from any thing that appears to the Board, gained a residence in this State prior to the present period.

On the petition of Justus Hartman Scheuber, accompanied with a recommendation from a number of citizens,

It is ordered, as there appears no legal objection to the said Justus Hartmen Scheuber, that he receive a temporary protection in this State till a law shall pass pointing out the mode of admitting persons to the right of citizenship, pursuant to resolve of Assembly passed the 25th February 1784.

A petition from George Melvin, respecting a suit brought, or to be brought by Levi Sheftall with some inclosures, being laid before the Board,

It is ordered, That the same be referred to the Chief Justice in the first instance, and to the House of Assembly ultimately, if the said George Melvin shall so incline, it not being in the

power of this Board to afford him relief, tho' they think him well entitled thereto from what appears to them.

John Love having applied for a license to act as a Vendue Master,

It is ordered,

That such license be accordingly made out and signed by the Governor on his, the said John Love's taking the oath and otherwise complying with the terms of the act passed 29th July 1783.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasurer in favor of Richard Donovan Murray for £60. 5. 6. being the amount of his account for providing the public entertainment on the proclamation of peace.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Lewis Coope for £22. 3. 0. being the amount of his account for furnishing provisions and liquors to the militia on the proclamation of peace.

A petition from Josiah Tatnall Junior being laid before the Board setting forth that he was desirous of settling in this State, and that there was no legal objection to him, and therefore praying a temporary protection from this Board untill a law shall be passed pointing out the mode of admitting persons to the rights of citizenship, pursuant to resolve of Assembly passed 25th February 1784.

It is ordered accordingly.

RESOLVED, as the opinion of this Board, that, under the resolve of Assembly of 21st February 1784, and the other resolve of 9th February 1783, therein referred to, any drafts from the British Merchants to the amount of their respective liquidated and audited demands, as they appeared in the said resolve of the 9th February 1783, and the auditors books, for goods supplied

the public immediately after the evacuation of this Town, will be good payment for the interest of any bonds in the Treasury for confiscated property so as such payments of interest are made in a general way, and without making any distinction between certificates and specie.

Several letters, to wit, two, of the 3d and 20th February last, from the President of Congress, urging the necessity of sending on a representation, and informing that Edward Williams Esquire was appointed to audit the Continental accounts in this State—And several from Amsterdam were received and laid before the Board.

In Council, Tuesday 20th April 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

William Stephens	John Fulton	Esquires
Jenkin Davis	James Powell	

Letter from James Jordan dated 15th April 1784, requesting leave to relinquish some purchases of lands made at the late sales of confiscated property.

Resolved, as the opinion of this Board, that the indulgence prayed for cannot be granted, the releasing act making all sales under it absolute; in manner therein pointed out.

Letter dated 29th March 1784, from Ben. Lanier, giving some information respecting some Robbers from East Florida,

Ordered, That the same be referred to Colo Davis and Mr. Powell of this Board, and that they give the necessary information to the inhabitants of Liberty and Effingham

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Major Lowe for sixteen pounds, six shillings and eight pence, for his attendance from 13th January to 17th February 1784 as a Member of this Board pursuant to resolve of Assembly.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of William Stephens Esquire for twenty five pounds, four shillings for his attendance from the 6th January to 29th February 1784, as a Member of this Board, pursuant to resolve of Assembly.

A letter from William Moore dated April 6th 1784 respecting 3500 acres of land, late the property of William Manson, a person named in the act of confiscation, and now advertized for sale, was laid before the Board.

ORDERED, That the said letter be referred to the Commissioners of Confiscated estates and that they act in the premises according to Justice and the law in such case made.

In Council, Wednesday 21st April 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

William Stephens	John Fulton	Esquires
Jenkin Davis	James Powell	

WHEREAS, the Honorable the House of Assembly in and by a resolve of the 10th February 1783, did empower and direct the then Governor and Council to appropriate so much of the confiscated property as monies arising from the amerced estates as would fully discharge the debts of the British Merchants

therein specified—and by another resolve of the 21st February 1784 the said last mentioned resolve is extended to the present Governor and Council. And whereas, in and by another resolve of the 26th February 1784 the Commissioners are directed to sell, for cash or bills of Exchange, confiscated property to the amount of one thousand pounds for the purpose of defraying the expences of the Continental Delegates. And by another resolve of the date last mentioned, certificates from the Treasury to any Member of Assembly or Council for the amount of his account for attendance, are directed to be taken and received in all payments as specie. And whereas, on the 20th day of this instant, confiscated property to the amount of two hundred and forty six pounds, ten shillings, hath been sold under the resolve of 26th February 1784, that is to say, two negroe fellows for the sum of one hundred and twenty four pounds, and one tract of six hundred acres land late belonging to Samuel Douglass for one hundred and twenty two pounds, ten shillings making, together, two hundred and forty six pounds, ten shillings as aforesaid; which, together, with one hundred and seventy seven pounds, which the said British Merchants agree to lend and advance to the State and to charge on the same footing with their accounts now due, will make, in all, four hundred and twenty four pounds—payable in cash or good bills, to be appropriated to the use of the said Delegates, agreeable to the said resolve of 26th February last, which, it is judged, will answer the present purpose sending on the said Delegates. And it being evident that confining the sales to cash or bills of exchange must inevitably, make the lands sell considerably under their value. It is therefore,

Ordered, That the sales of all lands remaining unsold, which were advertized for sale on the 20th Instant for cash or bills of exchange, be adjourned over untill Friday the 30th day of this Instant, April; that such lands be then sold for cash or bills of exchange, pursuant to resolve of 26th February last, or drafts from, or discounts with the British Merchants, specified in the

resolve of 10th February 1783, and 21st February 1784, or for certificates from the Treasury to any member of the Assembly or Council for his attendance agreeable to resolve of 26th February 1784. And that the Commissioners of Confiscated Estates do, in the two intervening Gazettes between this, and the said day of sale, give notice of those terms; and declare the same on the day of sale, and in all respects take care that the same be strictly complied with. Provided nevertheless, that when the amount sales of the property sold on the said 30th April Instant shall rise to £6986. 4. 1. that then the Commissioners do adjourn the sales until further orders of this Board.

Memorial from Joseph Pannell Esquire, County Surveyor for Washington County, being laid before the Board, praying that two more assistant Surveyors for the said County, in addition to the six already appointed, should be nominated by this Board.

Resolved, as the opinion of this Board, that, by the seventh sec: of the late land act, the power of appointing Assistants is altogether referred to the County Surveyor himself and not to this Board; but the said County Surveyor cannot, by the said land act, exceed the number of six of such Assistants.

Ordered, That public notice be given in the Gazette requiring all the Justices of the Peace of Chatham County, to meet at the Court House in Savannah, on Monday next at 10 o'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of filling up vacancies in the Office of Constables for the said County, pursuant to the act of Assembly of 27th March 1759.

A petition from William Fox, in behalf of Joseph Fox, a person named in the act of banishment, praying leave for the said John Fox to come into this State, being laid before the Board,

It is ordered, That the said William Fox be furnished with an extract from the minutes of this Board in answer to the peti-

tion of Charles Watts on the 3d March last, and the extract from the resolves of Assembly therein referred to.

A petition from Jeremiah Carney being laid before the Board, in respect to a negroe girl, named in the petition of Sarah Frazer presented on the 9th day of April Instant,

It is ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Commissioners of Confiscated Estates and the Attorney General, who are desired to consider of the same, at the time they proceed on the order of the 9th Instant.

A petition from Patrick Crookshanks and Alexander Speirs, being laid before the Board, stating some matters, which appear to involve difficult questions of law,

It is ordered, That the same be referred to the Attorney General and that he be desired to furnish this Board with his opinion thereon as soon as possible.

It is ordered That in future the collectors of Savannah and Sunbury do oblige every Master or Commander of any Ship or Vessel arriving in this State, and entering at their respective offices, to lodge in the Custom-House the Register of such Ship or Vessel until they are about to depart again and that then no such Ship or Vessel shall be permitted to clear out, or receive their Register back again, until the Master or Commander thereof shall produce and shew to the Collector a receipt from the Powder Receiver for the quantity of powder, or duty in lieu thereof, to which such Ship or Vessel is liable; And also, a receipt for all other duties and fees to which such Ship or Vessel is subjected by the laws of this State.

In Council, Friday 23d April 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

William Stephens	John Fulton	Esquires
Jenkin Davis	James Powell	

It is ordered, That the Commissioners of Confiscated Estates do pay into the Treasury by Monday morning next at ten o'Clock in the forenoon the amount sales of two negro fellows, advertized for sale on the 20th Instant under the resolution of 26th February last, for cash or good bills of exchange for the express purpose of defraying the expences of the Continental Delegates. otherwise the bonds of office of the said Commissioners, will be ordered to be put in suit.

Ordered, That the said Commissioners be immediately served with a copy of the above.

Several letters being received by the Governor were laid before the Board and read, to wit,

One from Count D'Estaing, dated 20th December 1783, claiming twenty thousand acres of land promised him in Georgia, another from the Seiur Antoine Reire, Charles De La Foreste, dated 1st April 1784, signifying his appointment of Vice Consul of France, in Georgia, and notifying his arrival in Charleston; but observing that he had received orders to remain at Charleston and perform the duty of Consul until other provision should be made for that place. This letter also, covering a copy of a notification from Congress of the recognition of the said Vice Consul in that character, and calling on this State to furnish the said Vice Consul with an exequatur of his quality, and to cause the same to be published in one or more Gazettes. And further signifying that he was furnished with powers from Count

D'Estaing to take possession of the said 20,000 Acres of land, and desiring to know what was done in that business—Whereupon,

It is ordered, 1st That as it appears the said 20,000 acres of land were promised by the State to the said Count D'Estaing, there ought to be a warrant issued from the land court in Augusta, directed to the Surveyor General, causing him, immediately to admeasure and lay out, that quantity of good land in one of the new Counties; and that the same be held in reserve until the meeting of the Assembly on the 1st July next; to whom it will be referred in what manner to complete the said donation, or do therein as they shall judge proper.

2ndly That the Executive Authority of this State cannot, with propriety, furnish the Sieur Antoine Reiré Charles De La Foreste with an Exequatur or Notification of his quality, or cause the same to be published in the Gazette until the arrival in this State of the said Sieur Antoine Reiré Charles De La Foresté; but immediately on such his arrival, the Governor and Council will furnish him with the said Exequatur in the form recommended by Congress, and also cause a copy thereof to be published in one or more Gazettes of this State.

3rdly That the Governor do communicate the substance of these resolves to the said Sieur Antoine Reiré Charles De La Foresté as early as possible.

A petition from William McIntosh, Capt, being laid before the Board, stating some facts in regard to debts due the public. It is therefore,

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Attorney General who is directed to report specially to this Board, on Tuesday next, whether any, and what bonds were given to the public by the said Capt. McIntosh or his deceased Brother for the negroes mentioned in the said petition; whether the said

bonds have been put in suit; at what stage the said suit is; whether any, and what defence has been made or sett off offered against the said bonds by the obligors; and also, any other matter or thing concerning the same, material or necessary for the information of this Board.

A letter and petition from Gideon Dupont, being laid before the Board representing that he had made useful discoveries in the cultivation of rice, which he is willing to communicate on a recompence being made him.

ORDERED, That the same be referred, agreeable to the petitioners request, to the House of Assembly at their next meeting.

It is ordered, That Mr. Stephens and Colo. Davis be a Committee to form a rough estimate of the supposed value of the lands advertized for sale on Friday the 30th Instant according to the best information they can obtain to serve as a guide for the Commissioners in disposing of the same. And that the said Committee do attend at the said sale in behalf of the public to assist and advise the said Commissioners.

ORDERED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of the Honorable James Powell Esquire, a Member of this Board, for his attendance on the same up to the 24th Instant, agreeable to his account, and the resolve of Assembly in such case made.

In Council, April 27th 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

William Stephens	James Powell	} Esquires
John Fulton	John Spencer	

It is ordered, pursuant to the act of Assembly lately, to wit,

on the 26th February 1784, passed, that the several Colonels or other Commanding Officers of regiments in and throughout this State do, as soon as possible, cause elections to be held for filling up vacancies of officers belonging to the said regiments, respectively, agreeable to the mode pointed out by the said law. And that two Justices of the peace at least, of the County, attend at the said elections and grant or countersign certificates to the persons chosen as officers in order to entitle them to their commissions from His Honor the Governor.

Ordered, That the Colonels or other Commanding Officers of the Regiments of Chatham, Liberty and Effingham Counties do, immediately, order and keep out proper scouting parties from their respective Regiments to protect the inhabitants against the Horse theives and other plunderers who are said to be lurking within the said Counties. And it is further

Ordered, That patrole duty thro' the Streets and suburbs of Savannah be performed by the Town Militia in such manner, and to consist of such numbers as the Field Officers of the Chatham Regiment shall agree upon, and that such patroles be directed to take up and confine until morning, and then carry before two Justices of the peace to be dealt with according to law, all negroes not having a lawfull ticket from their Masters; or disorderly or suspicious white persons whom they shall find in their rounds, after the Hour of ten o'Clock at night, when the guard shall set. And it is further

Ordered, That these orders and regulations shall continue one month from this day.

The Attorney General having given in his report respecting the case of Capt. M^c^Intosh agreeable to the order of Friday last, the Board resolve as follows

1st That the Court of law was the proper place for these matters to be considered after suits had been instituted on the bonds.

2ndly That if the law was so far against the petitioner as to determine both the Court and Jury in favor of the State it would be highly unwarrantable in this Board to releive the Petitioner.

3dly That, as the conduct of the Court in business of this nature appears to have been approved of by the Honorable the House of Assembly by their resolve of the 24th February 1784, the Board, who are equally subject as the Court to the resolves of Assembly, cannot, with propriety, interfere in Capt. McIntoshs case; but must have the law to its course, or the petitioner to be releived by the Honorable the House of Assembly, if they shall think fit; more especially, as by another resolve of the 26th February 1784, there are express directions given for immediately, recovering and collecting all the monies due on the bonds given for negroes sold by order of the Court of Admiralty.

The Commissioners of confiscated estates, having been served with the order of Friday last, represented that they had been deceived in regard to the intended sale of the two negroes mentioned in the said order, but informed the Board they could get as much, or more money at private sale for them on condition they should be empowered to dispose of them in that way.

Resolved, As the opinion of this Board, in case the bidder for the said negroes at public auction on the 20th Instant, has not complied with the terms of sale he can have no property in, or right to them; and that, in that case, the Commissioners will be well justified in disposing of the negroes to another, who will pay the money for them— And as the resolve of Assembly of of 26th February 1784, empowers the said Commissioners to dispose of confiscated property to the amount of £1000 at public or private sale, the Board will ratify, so far as lies with them any private sale of the said negroes, which the said Commissioners may make so as the amount received shall not be under what the said negroes were knocked off at, on the 20th Instant.

The Attorney General, agreeable to the order of Friday last,

reported his opinion on the petition of Messrs Crookshanks and Spiers; which case and opinion being taken into consideration, the Board determine as follows,

1st . . . That, whereas, by resolve of Assembly, passed on the 11th February 1784, a duty of 2 1/2 per cent, is laid, on the prime cost of all goods, wares and merchandize imported into this State from any port whatsoever— And by act of Assembly passed the 26th of the same month, a specific duty is laid upon certain enumerated articles and a duty of 2 1/2 per cent. on all other imports into this State. It is therefore,

Resolved, That in regard to all imports between the 11th and 26th of February, the Collectors and Treasurer ought to be governed by the resolve of the 11th February, and in regard to all imports since the 26th February the act of that date ought to be the guide.

2dly . . . That, as by acts of Assembly passed 4th March 1762, and 29th September 1773, revived and continued by act passed 30th July 1783, a duty of 2 1/2 per cent. is laid upon all goods, wares and merchandize, and negroes imported by any transient person into this State; and by the third sec: or clause of these several acts, there is a proviso that where any part of the said goods or negroes shall remain unsold, or shall be re-exported, that then, upon oath thereof made to the Treasurer, there shall be a drawback of Tax to the amount of the said goods or negroes (under the restrictions mentioned) so re-exported.

The Board are, therefore, of opinion, that the case of Messrs Crookshanks and Spiers, will come under this proviso in regard to the transient duty; and that they will be entitled to the indulgence therein mentioned, on their making the necessary affidavit, or proof required by law.

In Council, Tuesday 4th May 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

William Stephens	Benjamin Andrews	Esquires
Jenkin Davis	John Fulton	

ORDERED, That the order of this Board of April 9th last, respecting idle and disorderly persons coming into this State from the Southward be continued for one month longer from the 9th day of this Instant, May, and that the same, together with the present order be published in the Gazette for three weeks.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this Board, that there are still arrearages of Taxes due by divers defaulters in the County of Chatham under the act of Assembly passed the 31st July 1783, It is therefore,

ORDERED, That the late Collector, James Field Esquire, do within ten days, deliver in to the Treasurer, agreeable to the 14th Section of the said law, a list of all such defaulters; and pay into his office all monies that may now remain in the hands of the said Collector; and otherwise comply with the directions of the said law. And it is further

ORDERED, That the said Treasurer, on receipt of the said list of defaulters, do issue warrants, and otherwise proceed against them as in and by the 15th and other Sections of the said act is directed. And it is further

ORDERED, That the said Treasurer do write to the several other Collectors of the different Counties in this State informing them that there is a necessity that they should immediately pay into the Treasury all monies that may still remain in their hands, and make a return to him of all defaulters so that warrants may

issue against them. And in case the said Collectors shall make default herein, the said Treasurer is ordered to make report to this Board and otherwise proceed against them according to law.

George Jones Esquire, Register of Probates for the County of Chatham, having requested leave of absence for one month,

It is ordered, That such leave be accordingly granted; and that the said George Jones have the consent and approbation of this Board in appointing David Montaigut Esquire his deputy during his absence.

Ordered, That it be notified to the Continental Delegates, to wit, Major General M^c^Intosh, William Houstoun, William Few, William Gibbons, Edward Telfair and Joseph Habersham Esquires, that it is expected and requested by this Board, that they, or at least two of them, do, without delay repair to Congress, their credentials being now ready for them, and the funds of the State in a situation to furnish them with money, (which they shall receive on application to the Governor,) sufficient to defray their expences according to the provision made by the Honorable the House of Assembly; and it is agreed that each Delegate who sets out in the course of this month shall receive an advance of allowance according to the time he engages to stay—he to be accountable for the same.

Ordered, That the Secretary do furnish each of the said Delegates with a copy of the above order.

Application being made, by the Commissioners of Confiscated Estates to the Board for payment of an account presented, being the charges on the late sales.

It is ordered, That all reasonable expences attending the said sales be paid and deducted out of the amount of the same, but that the Commissioners commissions lie over till the next sales.

A letter from Major Patrick Carr, dated 28th April 1784, inclosing a letter of 13th same month from Timothy Barnard, being laid before the Board.

ORDERED, That a copy of the said letter from Timothy Barnard be immediately forwarded to the Honorable the President now at Augusta.

In Council, Friday 7th May 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	William Stephens	Esquires
Benjamin Andrew	John Fulton	

A petition of William Thompson, accompanied with an affidavit of Doctr. William Bryan, praying to be admitted a citizen.

ORDERED, That the said William Thompson receive a temporary protection from this Board, until a law shall be passed pointing out the mode of admitting persons to the right of citizenship, pursuant to resolve of Assembly passed 25th February 1784.

WHEREAS, divers sales of confiscated property have lately taken place by virtue of orders of Council of the 21st and 27th days of April last, founded on the resolves of Assembly therein referred to,

It is ordered, That the Commissioners of the said Confiscated property do settle for the same with the Treasurer by paying into his hands what monies they have received, and furnishing him with a state of British Merchants debts and certificates which

they have accepted of in payment, pursuant to the said resolves. And it is further

ORDERED, That the said Treasurer be furnished with a certified copy of the said British Merchants debts taken from the auditors books; and also, an extract from the Journals of the House, dated 10th February 1783, to enable him to state and settle the said matters in his books. That he, likewise, be furnished with an extract from the Minutes of Council of the 21st and 27th of last month on that subject; that he be directed to receive from the said British Merchants the sum therein mentioned, agreed to be advanced in cash by them— And, that he do state and settle the whole of this business in such manner as to exhibit in his books an account of the debits and credits of the two funds voted and agreed to be raised by the resolves of 10th February 1783, and 26th February 1784.

ORDERED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Capt. De La Plaigne for forty two pounds, being a ballance due on a vote of the House of Assembly of August 1st 1783.

Application was made by Samuel Stirk Esquire offering some audited certificates in part payment of his bond due the public for negroes purchased at the sales under the order of the Court of Admiralty some time ago.

RESOLVED, That this Board cannot admit of the same, the releasing act making such bonds payable in specie and nothing else—and the resolve of Assembly dated 24th February last also precluding such mode of payment as determined by this Board in the case of Capt. McIntosh on the 27th of last month—that, therefore, the said Samuel Stirk must be referred to the House of Assembly if he apprehends himself aggrieved.

In Council Wednesday 12th May 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

William Stephens	Benjamin Andrew	Esquires
John Fulton	Jenkin Davis	

This day His Honor the Governor in Council signed the following grants.

Micajah Williamson..... 300 Acres.....Wilkes County
Joseph Williams.....1350.....Do.....
Joseph Williams..... 400.....Do.....

Benjamin Andrew Esquire having produced an account, amounting to eighteen pounds, eight shillings and eight pence for money due him for his attendance in Council last year, and the same appearing to be entered on the Council Books of that period, and approved of by the then Governor and Council.

It is ordered, That the said Benjamin Andrew have a draft upon the Treasury for that sum agreeable to a resolve of Assembly passed 26th February 1784.

In Council Friday 14th May 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

Benjamin Andrew	John Fulton	Esquires
William Stephens	Jenkin Davis	

William Houstoun Esquire, having, by letter, signified his being ready to proceed to Congress, and there to remain for six

months; and William Gibbons Esqr also, his intention of proceeding with him, there to remain for four months,

It is ordered, That the said Delegates have drafts on the Treasury for the amount of their allowance for the said respective terms, agreeable to the resolve of Assembly in such case made.

This day the following grant was signed.

Oliver Lewis Esquire.....239 Acres....Effingham County.

A petition of Ralph De Pass and Jacob De Pass, accompanied with a certificate of Philip Minis, praying to be admitted citizens of this State,

Ordered, That the said Ralph De Pass and Jacob De Pass receive a temporary protection from this Board, until a law shall be passed pointing out the mode of admitting persons to the right of citizenship—pursuant to a resolve of Assembly passed 25th February 1784.

A petition of Capt Thomas Newell being laid before the Board respecting the tonage of small craft,

Resolved, That the petitioner be referred to the law in such case made—as the matters contained in the said petition do not,, properly, come before this Board.

A petition of David Leion, accompanied with a letter of recommendation from M. Sheftall, praying to be admitted a citizen of this State,

Ordered, That the said David Leion do receive a temporary protection from this Board until a law shall be passed pointing out the mode for admitting persons to the right of citizenship agreeable to resolve of Assembly passed 25th Feby 1784.

In Council, Wednesday 19th May 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

William Stephens	Jenkin Davis	} Esquires
John Fulton	Benjamin Andrew	

ORDERED, That the 6th 7th and part of the 9th Sections of an act of Assembly passed 26th March 1767, entitled "an act to prevent the bringing into and spreading of malignant and contagious distempers &c. &c" also the 1st and 2d Sections of another act passed the 10th May 1770, for amending the said first mentioned act, be published in the Gazette; the said acts having been revived and continued by a late act of Assembly passed 30th July 1783.

ORDERED, pursuant to the 4th Section of the act aforesaid passed 26th March 1767, that upon the Master or Commander of any Ship or Vessel going to the Custom House of Savannah or Sunbury to enter, the Collector of the said port, do administer an oath or affirmation to such Master or Commander to make a true answer to all such questions as shall be asked him touching the health of his crew; and that thereafter the said Collector do ask the following questions of such Master or Commander, to wit, whether the place from whence the Vessel came last was healthy? Whether all the persons, passengers included, then on board such vessel, are in health and free from the small-pox, malignant fever, and all other contagious distempers? Whether any died during the voyage? of what distempers? and how long since? And that upon the said questions being answered, the said Collector do, according to circumstances, either admit such ship or vessel to an entry, and permit her to land her cargo, or otherwise act in the premises according to the directions of the said law.

ORDERED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Mr. Abraham Ravot, one of the Commissioners of confiscated property for £3. in part of his account against the public he to be accountable for the same.

ORDERED, pursuant to resolve of Assembly passed January 19th 1784, that the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury for £30. in favour of the Honble. George Walton Esquire, in part of his Salary, he to be accountable for the same.

In Council Tuesday 25th May 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

William Stephens	John Green	Esquires
John Spencer	John Fulton	
Benjamin Andrew		

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Mrs. Lucia Tondee for £10, pursuant to resolve of Assembly, dated 23d February 1784.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Benjamin Andrew Esquire for £14. being the amount of his account for one months attendance in Council up to the 20 Instant, pursuant to resolve of Assembly dated 26th February 1784.

ORDERED, That Abraham Ravot Esquire, one of the Commissioners of confiscated estates do, within ten days, attend this Board and shew cause why he hath in direct contradiction to an express resolve of Assembly, dated 24th February 1784, relinquished the sale or discontinued the advertisement of 750 acres of land said to be late the property of John Grayham and claimed by Major Demere.

Petition from Richard Leake being laid before the Board,

RESOLVED, That as it appears by the Journals of the honorable the House of Assembly, that they, on the 24th February 1784, long after the order referred to on the said petition, ordered the land in question to be sold, that, therefore, this Board cannot, with propriety, interfere in the premises, but must leave the Petitioner to his remedy pointed out by the said order of 24th Feby 1784.

A petition of John Thompson accompanied with a certificate from David Montaigut, John Kell and Job Pray; praying to be admitted a citizen of this State.

ORDERED, That the said John Thompson do receive a temporary protection from this Board untill a law shall be passed pointing out the mode for admitting persons to the right of citizenship—agreeable to resolve of Assembly, passed 25th February 1784.

Petition of William Blogg, praying to be admitted a citizen of this State,

ORDERED, That the said William Blogg do receive a temporary protection from this Board untill a law shall be passed pointing out the mode for admitting persons to the right of citizenship, agreeable to resolve of Assembly passed the 25th February 1784.

In Council Friday 28th May 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

William Stephens	Benjamin Andrew	Esquires
John Fulton	John Spencer	

A letter from Major General McIntosh being laid before the

Board complaining of certain enormities having been committed by a party of men lately out under the command of Capt West,

It is ordered, That a copy of the said letter be sent to Col^{o} Baker, commanding Officer of Liberty County; and that he be directed to make enquiry into the affair, and as soon as possible, transmit to this Board a true and full account thereof. And it is also

ORDERED, That a copy of the said letter be transmitted to the Assistant Judges of the said County, and that they be directed to act in the premises according to law and the further information they shall obtain and procure.

WHEREAS, there is great reason, from information lately received, to suspect that a certain Banditti collected and collecting upon the River, St. Marys may make inroads into this State,

It is ordered, That notice thereof be given to Col^{o} Baker, Major Carr, and the commanding officer of Effingham County. And that they be respectively directed to be upon their guard against such incursions.

A letter from Major Lachlan McIntosh as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners appointed to visit and view the Tennessee Lands, having been land before the Board,

It is resolved, That as the Assembly have not referred any part of that business to the Executive Department, it might be deemed improper in them to interfere therein—Nevertheless, as the Commissioners applied for advice in the premises, this Board are of opinion that the Commissioners who are in Savannah ought to consult, by letter or a personal interview, as they think best, with the other Commissioners in Wilkes County, on the propriety of proceeding. And that, in case they find the report mentioned in the letter from Major McIntosh to be true, this Board are of opinion the said Commissioners

will be well justified in desisting from their Journey until the next meeting of Assembly.

WHEREAS, the public arms, belonging to this State are much neglected, and, at present, in very bad order and condition,

It is ordered, and agreed with Gonder, who appeared before Council and consented to the same, that the said Gonder do repair and clean up one hundred stand thereof of the best; Also thirty pair of horsemans pistols, so as to put them in complete order; and afterwards, that he the said Gonder, do, as often as may be necessary for one year from this time, clean them up, and oil them so as to have them, always, in good condition. And in consideration whereof, this Board agree to pay the said Gonder at the rate of ten pound per annum, commencing from this date, and order that £5. thereof be advanced as soon as the said arms shall be completed, repaired and cleaned for the first time.

In Council Tuesday 1st June 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

William Stephens	Jenkin Davis	Esquires
John Fulton	John Green	

Several letters were laid before the Board, to wit, one from His Excellency Benjamin Harrison Esquire, Governor of Virginia, dated 11th March 1784, respecting some Spaniards and others, attempting a settlement within the limits of our State; another from Timothy Barnard, dated 20th May 1784, covering copy of a letter to him from Alexander McGillivray, dated 26th April 1784, both those letters respecting the present temper of the Indians, and their dislike to the settlement of the Oconee lands:

Resolved, on the first letter, that as it appears the land herein mentioned is the very land which the Assembly, at their last Session had in contemplation, and entered into resolves about, that, therefore, nothing be done herein until the next meeting of the Assembly, when the said letter shall be laid before the House— Save only, that a copy of the said letter be furnished the Commissioners, appointed to view and examine the Tennessee lands, for their information.

On the other two letters

It is ordered, That copies thereof be transmitted to the President at Augusta, and that it be recommended to him to let the contents thereof be known so that persons going out to survey lands may be on their guard.

This day the following grant.

Abraham Marshall.....200 Acres.....Wilkes County.

Application being made by William Gibbons Esquire stating that in consequence of resolves of Assembly passed at Augusta on the 9th and 10th days of July 1783, John Peter Wagnon Esquire, had delivered up to him the Commissioners titles, together with a relinquishment thereon, of the wharf lot and buildings alluded to in Mr. Gibbon's petition,

It is ordered, That the said conveyance and relinquishment be lodged in the Treasury, with the bond and mortgage of the said John Peter Wagnon; and that the same wait, in their present State, the order of the Honble. House of Assembly in the premises.

In Council, Friday 4th June 1784.

Present,

His Honor, the Governor

William Stephens	Benjamin Andrew	Esquire
Jenkin Davis	John Fulton	

RESOLVED, That the Governor do issue a draft upon the Treasury in favour of John Newman and James White, two Continental Soldiers, belonging to the Georgia Line, who have become maimed in the service, for ten pounds each, in part of the bounty allowed, by the State, to persons in that situation; And that, in case any Merchant will let the said persons have goods, to the amount of their said drafts, respectively, the same shall be taken in payment of any duties at the Custom House—And it is further,

ORDERED, That a draft which the Governor gave upon Mr. Leonard Cecil for three pounds in favor of said White, be deemed a part of his £10, and that the same be received from Mr. Cecil as above mentioned at the Custom House.

ORDERED, That Benjamin Andrew and William Stephens Esquires be appointed a committee to make a valuation and appraisement of certain tracts of land advertised for sale by the Commissioners of Confiscated Estates on the 8th Instant. And that, unless the said lands shall rise, at the sale, above such valuation, the sales be adjourned from day to day until they reach the appraisement or until, the further order of this Board.

WHEREAS, There are no Justices qualified to act in the district of Great Ogechee and it being represented to this Board, that those appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly, cannot conveniently come to Town, it is therefore,

ORDERED, That a Dedimus Potestatem be issued to the Chief

Justice authorizing him to qualify the said Justices if he shall, at any time, go into that District; he to make due return of the said Dedimus with his proceedings thereon.

Petition from Andrew Turnbull, praying to be admitted a citizen of this State,

ORDERED, That the said Andrew Turnbull do receive a temporary protection from this Board, until a law shall be passed, pointing out the mode of admitting persons to the right of citizenship; agreeable to a resolve of Assembly passed the 25th February 1784.

A petition from Alexander Morrison, praying to be admitted a citizen of this State,

ORDERED, That the said Alexander Morrison do receive a temporary protection from this Board until a law shall be passed, pointing out the mode for admitting persons to the right of citizenship—agreeable to a resolve of Assembly, passed the 25th February 1784.

In Council, Tuesday 8th June 1784.

Present,

His Honor, the Governor

William Stephens	Jenkin Davis	} Esquires
John Green	John Fulton	

Petition of Edward Jones Esquire, complaining of the hardship he labours under, in respect to an execution against him for a public debt, being laid before the Board,

ORDERED, That the consideration of this matter be post-

poned until the close of the next Session of Assembly; and that, in the mean time, the execution against the said Jones be staid.

Abraham Ravot Esquire, pursuant to the order of 25th May 1784, appeared before the Board and offered some reasons for his conduct in regard to the Island called Demere's

ORDERED, That the matter be referred to the House of Assembly at their next meeting.

A letter from Edward Telfair Esquire, being laid before the Board, respecting some lands late the property of the estate of John Forbes Esquire deceased,

ORDERED, That the said letter be sent to the commissioners of confiscated Estates; and that Mr. Telfair be referred to the resolution of Assembly, dated 24th February 1784, by which he will find that he must establish the claim he sets forth, in a court of law.

Joseph Welscher and Abraham Dacosta having applied for a license to act as Vendue Masters,

It is ordered, That such license be accordingly made out and signed by the Governor, on they, the said Joseph Welscher and Abraham Dacosta's taking the oath, and otherwise complying with the terms of the act, passed thee 29th July 1783.

In Council, Tuesday 15th June 1784.

Present,

His Honor, the Governor

William Stephens	John Greene,	Esquires
John Spencer	John Fulton.	
Benjamin Andrew		

On the written application of the Attorney General; and pursuant to the resolve of Assembly 26th February 1784.

It is ordered, That William Stephens Esquire, be appointed a Council for the State to assist the Attorney General in making defence against a writ of error brought by Woodruff qui tam claimants vs, Findley and others Libellants; and that he be allowed a reasonable fee for his trouble therein.

A letter from the Attorney General, respecting one Charles Watts, a person named in the act of banishment, being laid before the Board.

It is ordered, That the Attorney General be furnished with an extract of the order of this Board, of the 23d March last, on the application of Mercy Watts Also, with an extract of the resolve of Assembly of the 14th February last, in answer to the Governors Message for his guide in the premises.

Application being made by Joseph Woodruff Esquire, Collector of the Port of Savannah, for a quarters salary, amounting to £62.—

It is ordered, That the Governor do, accordingly, give a draft upon the Treasury for the said sum, being due 22nd last month.

In Council, Friday 18th June 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

William Stephens	John Fulton	Esquires
James Powell	John Spencer	
Benjamin Andrew		

Grants signed this day,

Joseph Griffin, 350 Acres, Wilkes

Saunders Walker, 1050 Acres, Wilkes

John Callaway, 200 Acres, Wilkes

Jonathan Ragan, 200 Acres, Wilkes

Jonathan Ragan, 700 Acres, Wilkes

Whereas, it appears to this Board that certain persons in the State of South Carolina, have attempted to run the lands lying in the forks of the Tugalo and Kiowee branches of Savannah River, and certain other persons have attempted to form settlements on the Western Territory of this State as is represented to this Board by the Governors of Virginia and North Carolina —all which acts are manifestly encroachments upon the property of this State— It is therefore,

Ordered, That it is expedient and necessary that the Governor do, forthwith, publish a proclamation, declaring, explicitly the boundaries and jurisdiction of this State as defined by the original Charter and late Treaty of peace; that he do, likewise, write to the Governors of Virginia and North Carolina; And further, that a commission under the Great Seal be sent to Doct. Noble Wimberly Jones, in Charleston, and that he be requested to enter a caveat, in behalf of this State in the Secretary's Office there, against any grant or grants for lands, within

the district above mentioned, being signed by the Governor of South Carolina.

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board, by representation from the Honble. the Chief Justice, that Richard Lang, a prisoner, confined in the Jail of Savannah, stands charged with having committed a felony in the State of South Carolina; And whereas, it is proper in such case, that the said Richard Lang be forthwith removed and conveyed into that State, in order to take his trial—and Colº William Ferrel having undertaken to convey him to Charleston—

It is ordered, That the Sheriff of Chatham County, deliver the Body of the said Richard Lang to the said Colonel William Ferrel, on the said William Ferrels giving a receipt for him, and entering into a recognizance before the Chief Justice, that he will accordingly, safely convey the said Richard Lang to Charleston; and there deliver him to the Sheriff or other proper officer, within one month, whose receipt is to cancel the receipt and recognizance of the said William Ferrel. And it is further,

ORDERED, That the Treasurer do advance the said William Ferrel ten guineas, to enable him to proceed in this business, which sum is to be debited to the State of South Carolina.

Several letters wrote by the Governor, that is to say, one to Governor Guerard of South Carolina; one, to Governor Harrison of Virginia; one to Governor Martin of North Carolina; one to Doctor Jones of Charleston; together also, with the form of a caveat to be entered in the Secretary's Office of Charleston, the Commission for that purpose; and also the form of a proclamation, pursuant to a proceeding order of this day on the subject of encroachments attempted within the lines of this State; being laid before the Board, the same were considered and approved of; and

It is ordered, that the said proclamation do, accordingly issue and be published in the Gazette of this State.

In Council, Tuesday 22nd June 1784.

Present

His Honor the Governor

William Stephens	John Spencer	Esquires
Jenkin Davis	John Fulton	
James Powell		

A letter dated 5th June 1784 from His Excellency Governor Guerard of South Carolina, inclosing a copy of one of the 4th of the same month, from the Honorable Judge Burke to the said Governor Guerard in answer to an application of the Governor of this State, respecting one Boothe, a prisoner, confined in Charleston, being laid before the Board,

It is ordered, That the said letter and its enclosures be transmitted to the Chief Justice of this State, in order that he may take the necessary steps on the subject matter of the same.

A petition of Francis Watlington, praying to be admitted a citizen of this State,

Ordered, That the said Francis Watlington do receive a temporary protection from this Board, until a law shall be passed, pointing out the mode for admitting persons to the right of citizenship—agreeable to a resolve of Assembly passed 25th February 1784.

Resolved, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury, in favor of Benjamin Andrew Esquire for £13, 10s, 8d being the amount of his account for attendance in Council from the 20th May, to the 18th Inst. June, pursuant to resolve of Assembly, dated 26th February 1784.

Resolved, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of John Spencer Esquire, for £24, 5, 4 being

the amount of his account for attendance in Council from the 5th January to the 22nd June 1784, pursuant to resolve of Assembly dated 26th February 1784.

In Council, Friday 25th June 1784.

Present

His Honor the Governor

William Stephens	James Powell	} Esquires
John Spencer	John Fulton	

Petition from Messrs Pray and Watlington being laid before the Board, praying that a cargo of negroes, lately imported from St Croix be excused from performing quarantine,

Resolved, as the opinion of this Board, that the act of 26th March, being positive, leaves no discretionary power in this Board to dispense with the quarantine in any case whatsoever.

Petition of John Doran, praying to be admitted a citizen of this State, being laid before the Board,

Ordered, That the said John Doran do receive a temporary protection from this Board, until a law shall be passed, pointing out the mode for admitting persons to the right of citizenship—agreeable to a resolve of Assembly, passed the 25th February 1784.

Resolved, That His Honor the Governor do give a draft, authorizing the Treasurer to retain and pay himself one quarters Salary and to place the same to the debit of the Civil Establishment.

Resolved, That His Honor the Governor do give the Secretary of State a draft upon the Treasurer for £10 in part of arrears of Salary due him, to enable him to proceed to Augusta.

In Council, Wednesday 30th June 1784.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of William Stephens, Benjamin Andrew, James Powell, Jenkin Davis and John Spencer Esquires, Members of this Board, for ten pounds each on account of monies due them for attendance in Council, and to be accounted for by them; pursuant to Resolve of Assembly dated the 26th day of Feby last.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of John Fulton Esquire, for one hundred and eighty dollars, being the amount of his account for attendance in Council from the 23d March last, to 23d June Instant, pursuant to resolve of Assembly dated 26th February 1784.

Petition from William Steven, praying to be admitted a citizen of this State,

ORDERED, That the said William Steven do receive a temporary protection from this Board until a law shall be passed pointing out the mode for admitting persons to the right of citizenship agreeable to a resolve of Assembly passed the 25th February 1784.

In Council, Augusta, Tuesday July 13th 1784

Present,

His Honor the Governor

The Honble. the President

William Stephens	James Powell	Esquires
John Green	John Fulton	
Zacharias Fenn	Daniel Coleman	

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council.

A paper containing a recommendation from a number of gentlemen, who are members of the Honorable the House of Assembly and who met in Augusta agreeable to adjournment, was laid before the Board and read,

ORDERED, That the consideration of the same be postponed for the present.

In Council, Wednesday July 14th 1784.

Present

His Honor the Governor

The Honorable the President

James Powell	Daniel Coleman	Esquires
Zacharias Fenn	John Fulton	
John Greene		

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Daniel Coleman, Zacharias Fenn, George Walton, and James M'Farland Esquires, Members of this Board, for £4. each, to be accounted for in their salaries for attendance on public duty, pursuant to resolve of Assembly dated the day of February last.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Andrew Whitefield for the amount of his account, being £14, 0, 11, being for supplies furnished the Indians; and that the same be charged to the contingent fund.

Thomas Burton Esquire, a Justice of the peace, appointed by the Honble. the House of Assembly, for the County of Burke, attended and qualified as such agreeable to law.

A head man and several others of the Creek Nation, attended the Board and delivered a talk from their Nation, which was answered by the Governor in Council.

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants.

For Dyonisius Oliver .....650 Acres Wilkes County
Do. .....200.... ....Do...Do...

In Council, Thursday July 15th 1784.

Present

His Honor the Governor

The Honorable President.

James Powell
Zacharias Fenn
John Green
Daniel Coleman
John Spencer
} Esquires

The Governor having put the following questions to the Council, the following answers were given by them.

1st May the Land Court which was opened in Augusta on the first Tuesday in April last be continued; or did the same close at the end of three months under the act of Assembly?

Ansr The Council are of opinion that the Land Court is not closed under the act of Assembly; but that the receiving and granting petitions for Land, and other business of the said court, may, and ought now & in future, to be transacted by the Governor or the President and Council, wheresoever they shall choose to set, that is to say, whether in Augusta or Savannah.

2nd It being suggested there are many frauds committed in the surveys of land in the two new Counties—can there be any general rule made in regard to the stopping all grants for lands in the said Counties until the meeting of Assembly?

Ansr The Council are of opinion, that there can be no such general rule made But that every grant presented must stand

upon its own footing and be signed or rejected according to circumstances.

RESOLVED, That this Board will continue to sit in Augusta for and during the remainder of this month, and then adjourn to Savannah; and that public notice hereof be given, so that persons having business with the Executive, or the Land Court, may govern themselves accordingly.

Application being made by Colonel Thomas Napier, accompanied with an affidavit from him, setting forth that he had, thro accident, lost a number of Land Warrants therein specified, both as to number and quantity; and praying that duplicates of the same might issue.

It is ordered, That such duplicates be accordingly granted, on his, the said Thomas Napiers giving bond in the penalty of £1000. sterling with two sufficient surety's, that in case the said warrants are recovered, or shall come to his hands they shall be delivered up to be destroyed and that the State shall be indemnified against any injury or abuse by reason, or in consequence of the said warrants being lost as aforesaid.

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council

For Elijah Clark	1600	Acres	.....	Wilkes County
" Ditto	550	Acres	.....	"
" Ditto	400	"	.....	"
" John King	200	"	.....	"
" Elijah Clark	1325	"	.....	"
" John King	400	"	.....	"
" The Heirs of John Buckhalter	800	"	.....	"
" Silas Mercer	300	"	.....	"
" Ditto	500	"	.....	"
" John Sallis	200	"	.....	"
" Solomon Newsom	400	"	.....	"
" Robert Middleton	350	"	.....	Richmond County.

In Council, Friday July 16th 1784.

Present

His Honor the Governor

The Honble. the President

James Powell	Daniel Coleman	Esquires.
John Spencer	Zacharias Fenn	
John Green		

Application being made by Colº John Jones, setting forth, that, having applied for a bounty of land as a refugee, the same was ordered him, but that the warrant has been, by some other person taken out without his knowledge or consent; that he is now desirous of exchanging the said warrant, which was located to one of the new Counties, for a warrant for one of the old Counties.

It is ordered, That the said John Jones do enter a caveat in the books of the Secretary of this Board against any grant being signed on the bounty warrant of the said John Jones in the new Counties; and that he be permitted to apply for, and take up his bounty land, in any of the old Counties he shall think proper, on application to the Board of Justices of such County.

It being represented to this Board, that the back inhabitants of this State are greatly alarmed in consequence of a late murder being committed, (as is supposed) by a party of Indians.

It is ordered, That Colo. Elijah Clarke do immediately take the necessary steps for protecting the inhabitants of the several districts within his battalion, and preventing the people from breaking up their settlements by ordering and keeping out scouting parties, and otherwise proceeding as his prudence and the intelligence he shall receive, may suggest; taking the utmost

care, nevertheless, not to do any act, which may hastily bring on a rupture with the Indians if the same can be avoided.

A petition from Solomon Kemp, being laid before the Board,

ORDERED, That the petitioner be referred to a Court of law, who, in case of his not being the person meant by the Confiscation act, will be fully releived by an action, should his property be taken away.

In Council, Augusta, 17th July 1784.

Present

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	Daniel Coleman	Esquires
John Green	John Spencer	
Zacharias Fenn	James Powell	

Mingohoope and another Head Man of the Chactaw Nation attended the Board and delivered a talk from the Head Men of their Towns, which was answered by the Governor in Council.

RESOLVED, That presents to the amount of twenty pounds sterling be purchased and given to the said Chactaw Cheifs, and to each of their eight male attendants, a blanket, shirt and kettle; and to each of the seven females a blanket and two handkerchiefs, with the addition of three yards of calico to the Head Man's two wives, the same to be on public account and charged to the contingent fund.

RESOLVED, That the presents purchased of Messrs McLean, Elbert & Co two days since, and given to the Chiefs of the Creek Nation, amounting to £ be paid for by an order on the Treasury, and charged to the contingent fund.

This day His Honor the Governor signed a grant in Council for Edward M^c^Gary.....200 Acres.....Wilkes County.

It appearing to this Board that there was due to Colo James Martin, on the 1st January 1783 under, and by virtue of a resolve of Assembly, dated in January 1782, the sum of fifteen pounds st^g^ as a salary for keeping the ferry in Augusta.

It is ordered, That the said Colonel James Martin do receive the Governor's draft upon the Treasury for that sum, to be charged to the contingent fund.

In Council, Monday 19th July 1784.

Present

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	Zacharias Fenn	Esquires
John Spencer	James Powell	
Daniel Coleman		

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council.

For Henry Ware Sen	450	Acres.....	Wilkes	County.
" Joseph Wise	550	"	"	"
" Thomas Hooper	200	"	"	"

In Council, Wednesday July 21st 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	Daniel Coleman	Esquires
James Powell	Zacharias Fenn	
John Green	John Spencer	

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council.

For	George Murray	124	Acres	Wilkes County
"	Ditto	950	"	" "
"	Basil Lamar	100	"	" "
"	Dyonisious Oliver	300	"	" "
"	Ditto	500	"	" "
"	Ditto	400	"	" "
"	Nicholas Ware	100	"	" "
"	John Roberts	300	"	" "
"	Joseph Wise	200	"	" "
"	John Leath	250	"	Richmond County
"	John Gamble	150	"	Wilkes County
"	William Hollinger	200	"	Burke County

A paper, purporting to be in the nature of a remonstrance against delaying to call the Legislature, signed by four gentlemen, to wit, Richard Howley, and Nathan Brownson Esquires, said to be two Members elect, but who have not yet qualified, or taken their seats as such; Edward Telfair Esqr chosen a Delegate to Congress, but who has never as yet signified his acceptance of that appointment, and John Hardy Esquire, a Member of the Honble the House of Assembly, being laid before the Board, and the same taken into consideration,

It is resolved, unanimously, that as the said paper is signed by so small a portion of the community, and as a reputable part of the Legislature lately met in Augusta and entered into a

recommendation, which has been already before the Board; that, therefore, the present paper ought not to influence the Governor and Council in their determination on so momentus a subject as the convening of the Legislature, either one way or the other.

A letter dated the 30th June 1784, and signed by Alexander McGillivray, together with a talk from the Creek Nation were laid before the Board,

Ordered, That the consideration of the same be postponed for the present.

On the application of William Temple Coles, respecting three negroes which were sold and delivered to him by the State and have been since claimed and recovered by law from him by another person, in North Carolina,

It is ordered, That as the case of the said William Temple Coles appears to be singularly hard, that he be furnished with an order for £15: on the Treasury in part of his demand against the public, and that the rest, together with his account lie over until the meeting of Assembly.

Captain John Woods, who accompanied the Chactaw Chief from the Nation with a talk, having presented his accounts for expences as well for himself as for the Indians,

It is ordered, That the expences of the said Captain Woods, and the other white men with him, since they have been in Augusta, amounting to £17: 19: 2. also £10 to the Linguist, John Peachland; and likewise the expences of the Indians for provisions found by Mr. Andrew Whitefield, amounting to £18, 13, 11½, be allowed; and that the said Capt. Woods, John Peachland and Andrew Whitefield be, respectively, paid these sums by order on the Treasury. And it is further

Ordered, That the other charges of the said Captain Woods

be referred to the House of Assembly with a recommendation from this Board, that he obtain a reasonable satisfaction for the same.

RESOLVED, That a suit of clothes, in a plain taste, together with an Indian Gold Laced Hat be provided and sent as a compliment from this State to French Mestobee, the Chief Man of the Chactaws: and that the same be charged to the public.

In Council, Friday July 23d 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Daniel Coleman, Zacharias Fenn, John Spencer, John Green } Esquires

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council.

For John Leath	50	Acres	Richmond County	
" Edmund Cartledge Junr	200	"	"	"
" Ditto ditto	125	"	"	"
" Ditto ditto Senr	100	"	"	"
" Mary Monterief	100	"	"	"
" Obadiah Fugua	300	"	Burke County	
" Dyonisius Oliver	600	"	Wilkes County	
" Ditto	650	"	"	"
" Ditto	1000	"	"	"
" Joseph Williams	50	"	"	"
" Thomas Mercer	100	"	"	"

Application being made by John Appling, accompanied with an affidavit from him, setting forth that he had, thro' accident, lost a number of land warrants therein specified, both as to No

and quantity, and praying that duplicates of the same might issue,

It is ordered, That such duplicates be accordingly granted, on his, the said John Appling, giving bond in the penalty of £ sterling, with two sufficient sureties, that in case the said warrants are recovered, or shall come to his hands, they shall be delivered up to be destroyed; and that the State shall be indemnified against any injury or abuse, by reason, or in consequence of the said warrants, lost as aforesaid.

Ordered, That a copy of the letter received from Alex^r McGillivray and laid before the Board on Wednesday last, be sent to Colo. Clark, and also a copy of the Indian talk therein inclosed, for his information and guide and that of the people on the frontiers.

A memorial from James Rae Esquire, praying payment of his accts. for advances and services in his department of Indian Affairs, being laid before the Board,

It is ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the House of Assembly at their next meeting.

The account of sundry presents given to the Tallassee and Fat Kings by order of the President and Council, in pursuance of a resolve of Assembly passed February 23^d 1784, and amounting to £52: 16: 11 being laid before the Board,

It is resolved, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Messr^s McLean, Elbert & Co by whom the said presents were furnished, for the said amount to be charged to the fund of contingencies.

A letter dated 2^d July 1784 from N. Wimberly Jones Esqr respecting the caveat in South Carolina against signing grants of lands in the forks of the Tugalo and Keowee branches of Savannah River, being laid before the Board,

It is resolved, That the Governor do signify to N. Wimberly Jones Esqr that it was not the intention of the Board by the commission sent him, that he should be authorized to do anything further than to enter the caveat, and then let the matter rest for a decision agreeable to the articles of confederation.

John Appling, Register of Probates for Richmond County, having by letter dated 23^{d} July 1784, resigned the said office,

It is resolved, That Lewis Gardner shall be, and he is hereby appointed Register of Probates for the said County until the next general election by the Assembly, pursuant to the constitution.

Lewis Gardner having been, by the Tax act passed 31st July 1783, appointed Collector of Taxes for the County of Richmond, and having refused to act, as appears by the information of Zacharias Fenn Esqr, a member of this Board, whereby, no Taxes for the said County have, as yet, been collected,

It is resolved, and agreed, That William Barnett the present Sheriff of Richmond County, be and he is hereby appointed Tax Collector for the County of Richmond, in the room of the said Lewis Gardner, with all the powers given him by law for the purpose of collecting the Taxes, and doing the duties required by the said Act of July 1783.

In Council, Monday July 26th 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Daniel Coleman	James Powell	Esquires
John Spencer	Zacharias Fenn	

Two acct^{s} viz, one to Messr^{s} McLean, Elbert & Co amounting to £20: 6/8 and the other to Mr. John Peter Wagnon & Co amounting to £16: 10/6 for presents furnished the Chactaw

Indians, under the resolve of the 17th Instant, being laid before the Board,

It is resolved, That the Governor do give drafts upon the Treasury for the same.

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council.

For James Harvey	400	Acres	Wilkes County
" Micajah Williamson	200	"	"
" Ditto	300	"	"
" Ditto	200	"	"
" Ditto	350	"	"
" Ditto	200	"	"
" Evan Harvey	200	"	"
" Cader Powell	200	"	"
" William Byars	700	"	"
" Thomas Mercer	300	"	"
" Benjamin Jenkins	575	"	Washington County
" Wm Green Senr	287½	"	"

A petition of Nathaniel Hix, respecting a quantity of corn purchased by him of Mrs. Elizabeth Bugg, for public use, being laid before the Board,

It is resolved, That the matter herein contained cannot come before this Board, it being of judiciary cognizance.

In Council, Tuesday July 27th 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Zacharias Fenn	Daniel Coleman	Esquires
John Spencer	James Powell	

On application of Elizabeth Perkins, setting forth the peculiar hardships she labours under in consequence of an execution being issued against her on a recognizance in behalf of the State; and the same being supported by several affidavits the report of a number of respectable persons of Wilkes County.

It is ordered, That the said execution be stayed in the Sheriffs hands at whatever stage the same now is, until the rising of the next Session of Assembly; on her, the said Elizabeth Perkins, giving good security, that is to say, Barnard Heard and John Freeman Esquires, to the Sheriff, in double the amount of the said execution, that she will not remove, or put out of the way, any part of her effects which have been levied upon by the said Sheriff, under, or by virtue of the said execution; but that the same shall be forth coming, in case the said House of Assembly do not release and give up the said debt; the said effects to remain in the hands of the said Elizabeth Perkins from this time until the expiration of the period aforesaid.

Roger Lawson, appointed Register of Probates for Burke County having by letter, dated 24th July 1784, resigned the said office,

It is resolved, That Benjamin Lewis Esquire, be appointed to succeed him therein until the next general election; and the said Benjamin Lewis having accepted thereof, attended the Board and qualified according to law.

In Council, Wednesday 28th July 1784.

Resolved, That the Governor do issue a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Messrs John Peter Wagnon & Co for £4, 4, being the amount of the suit of clothes ordered to French Mestobee by order of Council of the 21st Instant.

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council.

For Francis Traywick	200	Acres	Wilkes County
" William Evans	200	"	"
" Ditto	200	"	"
" George Dardain	200	"	"
" George Murray	641	"	"
" William Stark	200	"	"
" William Bentley	200	"	"
" William Leverett.	200	"	"
" John Williams	400	"	"
" Thomas Leverett	200	"	"
" Edward Harrison	200	"	"
" Jacob Kennebrew	350	"	"
" Walton Harris	400	"	"
" Jonathan Ashberry	200	"	Burke County
" John Neally	100	"	"
" William Sims	148	"	Richmond County

Ordered, That a copy of Mr. McGillivrays letter lately received by the Governor, together with a copy of the talk therein inclosed, be sent to Major Carr by the Secretary of this Board.

Resolved, That the office of the Surveyor General be continued in Augusta until the first of September next, and then removed to Savannah; and that public notice thereof be given by the Surveyor General in the different Counties of the State.

Ordered, That a copy of the caveat, entered in the books of

the Secretary of this Board by George and John Galphin, be made out and delivered to the Surveyor General, and that he be directed not to pass any platts for land within that district, except, for 15000 Acres therein mentioned, until this Board shall have considered and instructed him thereon when they shall have heard the caveat.

In Council, Thursday July 29th 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Zacharias Fenn	Daniel Coleman	
John Green	John Spencer	Esquires
James Powell		

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council.

For Alexander Caswell.	250	Acres	Burke County
" Eleanor Tremble	200	"	"
" Samuel Gomery	200	"	"

James Stallings Esquire, appointed a Justice of the peace for the County of Richmond, attended the Board and qualified as such according to law.

A petition from Fitz Maurice Hunt, in behalf of Henry Hunt; his father, being laid before the Board, praying that certain grants for lands should be passed and signed, the same was taken into consideration, and thereupon, it was resolved, as the opinion of this Board, that, by the latter part of the 16th section of the second land act, passed on the 25th February 1784, the grants to, and in the name of the said Henry Hunt, who is, at present in the Kingdom of Ireland, cannot pass or be signed, that, altho' it should be admitted that the said Henry Hunt were a citizen of this State, and not a subject of Britain, yet, merely on ac-

count of his nonresidence here at this time, the said grants could not pass; and that this was the intention of the Legislature is evident, from the 8th and 13th Sections of the same act; and also the 4th section of an act prior thereto, passed the 1st August 1783, which deny grants to inhabitants of our Sister State, altho, they are, by the confederation, expressly declared to be entitled to the rights of citizenship of this, until they actually move into, and become residents in this State, which shews, that residence, and merely citizenship, is the criterion on which depends the signing of grants: But as it is well known that the said Henry Hunt was an useful member of this community and hath never been thought unfriendly to American Measures, (tho' alledged to be a British Subject, and a free holder in his Britanic Majesty's dominions) this Board are of opinion, and do, therefore, resolve, and

ORDER, That the said Henry Hunt ought and shall have a reserve of the lands now applied for, until the rising of the next Session of Assembly and that no other person, whatsoever shall be suffered to obtain a grant for any part thereof within that period.

Benjamin Catching vs Micajah Williamson	Caveat entered in the books of the Secretary of the Executive Council.

This Caveat being depending upon the Governor and Council; the parties, by their Attornies, that is to say, Mr. Catching by Mr. Baldwin, his Attorney; and Mr. Williamson, by Mr. Jones, his Attorney; agreed that the following points should come on to be heard immediately, and without any further notice, as being by consent of parties—that is to say;

1st Can a general Caveat, entered by one district Surveyor against another, be heard and determined by this Board? or does the laying out and marking of these district lines lie altogether with the County Surveyor?

2ndly Supposing a dispute to arise between two district Surveyors, about what lines the County Surveyor did really intend for the respective districts; who is to determine the same? that is to say, the said County Surveyor or this Board?

The Board, taking the said two points into consideration, do resolve and determine as follows—

To the first—That, in as much as the public interest is no way concerned whether a tract of Country falls within one district or another; and as the law does not confine the Surveyor General to mark and lay out equal districts, but leaves that at his own discretion. And further, as the act, in the 7th Section gives the power of appointing the six District Surveyors, to the County Surveyor, and directs that he lay out and appoint a district for each, and requires that all the works of the said District Surveyor, should be returned to the County Surveyor it is clear and evident that the District Surveyor must be considered created by, and to be the deputies of the County Surveyor, who has a general superintendency over them, ought to settle and adjust all differences in regard to their districts and see that they conduct themselves properly, the County Surveyor being the person to whom the State would look, and make accountable in case of any abuse or misconduct in his assistants or deputies. Under this view, the Board are of opinion that any such general caveat as the present in the Council Books is irregular and cannot be brought to a trial before the Governor and Council.

To the second—That the Board conceive a sufficient answer is given hereto in the above resolve, they, nevertheless, add that they do not conceive the County Surveyor ought to change or alter his district lines, after once having fixed them: if he should do so, it will be good cause of complaint against him, on account of the confusion such an act would produce. But so far as the respects the District Surveyor, the Board conceive the County Surveyor ought to decide.

Colo. Pannill, County Surveyor for Washington, having, nevertheless, for the sake of further satisfaction being called upon and sworn, hath declared he did not vary or alter the said districts; and hath also furnished a certificate as well from himself as the Surveyor General of the different districts in Washington County. The Board do, therefore,

Resolve, That the same shall, in future, guide them in respect to such districts, and do now order, that the present caveat, of Benjamin Catching against Micajah Williamson, be dismissed.

Whereas, it appears to this Board that in an action with the enemy, on or about the day of 1775, become disabled in both his arms and rendered incapable of supporting himself; whereby, under the act of Assembly, passed the 10th January 1782, he has become entitled to a gratuity of £30. per annum. It is therefore,

Ordered, That the said.. do audit his account from the commencement of his gratuity up to the 12th day of July 1782, and obtain the auditors certificate thereof for the amount, and that the Governor do give him a draft on the Treasury for £60. sterling, being in full of his gratuity up to the 12th day of this Instant, July.

In Council, Friday, July 30th 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Zacharias Fenn Daniel Coleman John Spencer	John Greene James Powell	} Esquires.

Resolved, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Daniel Coleman Esquire, for £50. 14. 4; and

Zacharias Fenn for £53 1/2 for their attendance in Council pursuant to resolve of Assembly, dated 19th January last.

A petition from a respectable number of inhabitants of the Counties of Richmond and Wilkes, praying that this Board would continue to set some time longer in Augusta, for the purpose of trying caveats and completing other land business being presented, and the same taken into consideration

It is resolved and ordered, as follows,

1st That the Governor and Council being, at present, under a necessity of proceeding to Savannah on public business, will, nevertheless, return to Augusta on the 10th September, and remain at the said place until the first of October following.

2ndly That it be recommended to all persons having disputes about land in the new Counties, that they enter their caveats in the Book left with Wm Freeman Esquire, acting Secretary of the Executive Council, on or before the 10th of August, so that legal notice may be given and other steps taken to have the said caveats ready for a hearing by the time the Governor and Council shall return to Augusta as aforesaid; that the parties do then attend with their witnesses and every thing ready.

3rdly That it also be recommended to all persons concerned to have their platts passed through the Surveyor Generals Office, and, in all respects, ready for the grant, in case they shall be entitled to the same, by the said 10th of September.

4thly That the Surveyor General, notwithstanding the order of the Instant, shall, also, continue his office in Augusta until the said 1st October, and then remove the same to Savannah for dispatching the business in the lower parts.

5thly That public notice of the foregoing resolves and orders be given by the Secretary of this Board, by affixing copies of the same at two or more public places in Augusta.

The Board, having taken into consideration a letter from Alexander M^c^Gillivray, with an Indian Talk therein enclosed, mentioned in the minutes of the instant, do resolve that it will be proper that the Governor do write an answer to Mr Mc Gillivray, and inform him that the matters contained in his letter and the Indian Talk, are of such magnitude and importance, that they require the consideration of the Legislature, and that they shall be, accordingly, submitted to that body; as soon as they shall next meet: In the meantime, that this Board desire to express their sincere disposition for peace whilst the same can be preserved on terms safe and honorable.

A petition of Robert Bonner, praying to be redressed in regard to some contracts made in behalf of the public, being laid before the Board.

RESOLVED, That the petition be referred to the Honorable the House of Assembly, the indulgence prayed for not coming within the department of this Board.

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council.

For	William Norris	200	Acres	Wilkes County.
"	Ignatius Few	300	"	"
"	John Black	500	"	"
"	Ignatius Few	900	"	"
"	Thomas Walker	100	"	Burke County.
"	John Rutledge	200	"	"
"	Thomas Yarborough	100	"	"
"	Wm Sheffield	200	"	"
"	John Bell	100	"	"
"	Thomas Yarborough	100	"	"
"	John Bacon	287½	"	Washington County.
"	John Brown	230	"	"
"	Andrew Shields	230	"	"
"	Ditto	287½	"	"

For Andrew Shields	287½	"	..	Washington County.
" Daniel Dumpier	230	"	..	"
" Thomas Childries	230	"	..	"
" Joseph Pannill	300	"	..	"
" Ditto	300	"	..	"
" Ditto	435	"	..	"
" Asa Morganson	287½	"	..	"
" David Childries	230	"	..	"
" Peter Deveaux	862½	"	..	"

Lewis Gardner Esquire, appointed of Register of Probates for the County of Richmond, by order of Council of the day of July Instant, attended the Board and qualified himself for that office, according to law. And then

The Board adjourned to meet in Savannah.

Wm Freeman D. C. E. C.

In Council, Savannah 10th August 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

John Habersham, George Walton, James Powell, Jenkin Davis } Esquires.

Petition of John Haupt, praynig a protection agreeable to a resolve of the General Assembly,

Ordered That the said John Haupt do receive a temporary protection from this Board until a law shall be passed pointing out the mode for admitting persons to the right of citizenship, agreeable to a resolve of Assembly, passed the 25th February 1784.

Petition of Peter Taarling and Jacob Brice of the Town of Savannah was read, praying to be admitted Vendue Masters.

ORDERED That they be accordingly admitted upon giving bond and otherwise complying with the terms of the act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

Petition of Carrol Williams, a soldier, late in the Georgia Line, praying his bounty of two hundred and thirty acres land in the reserve— was read— Granted— And a warrant was, accordingly, issued this day.

Joseph Welscher and Abraham Dacosta, Vendue Masters, having dissolved their copartnership, and surrendered their license to this Board, the said Abraham Dacosta applied for leave to take out the said license in his own name.

It is ordered, accordingly, on the said Abraham Dacosta giving bond and otherwise complying with the terms of the act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

John Wood, late Pay-Master in the Georgia Line, made application to the Board for his bounty land, as a Captain's Rank and produced sundry certificates, vouching for his being in the said appointment, the time required by law &C. Ordered, That a warrant be granted him accordingly

Franklin County 690 Acres, N°

In Council, Savannah 17th August 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

William Stephens	John Green	Esquires
Jenkin Davis	James Powell	

This day His Honor the Governor in Council signed a grant for 100 Acres land to Meredith Davis— Richmond County.

WHEREAS, three different tracts of land were some time since, under the authority of the confiscation and releasing acts, and in obedience to a resolve of the Honorable the House of Assembly dated the 26th February 1784. exposed to sale by the Commissioners of forfeited estates. And whereas, Edward Telfair, Richard Leake and William Platt became purchasers thereof, and signed the usual obligations in such cases, to comply with the terms; But whereas, they, the said purchasers, having, afterwards, refused to comply, the said premises were again exposed to sale, and certain other persons became the purchasers thereof, for sums, considerably under what the said lands were first knocked off at; And whereas, under and by virtue of the act of Assembly, passed 29th July 1783, commonly called the releasing act, the said first purchasers are liable for the difference in the said two sales. It is therefore,

ORDERED, That the said obligations be delivered into the hands of the Attorney General, by the Commissioners, and that he be directed to put the same in suit immediately, in order to recover the difference of money between the said two sales, agreeably to the said law.

WHEREAS, this Board did, at its last meeting agree upon the propriety of sending a congratulatory letter to the Spanish Governor of East-Florida, by Major Pierce. And whereas, the Governor having, accordingly, wrote such letter, and laid a copy of the same before this Board;

RESOLVED, That this Board do approve of the said letter, so sent by Major Peirce as aforesaid.

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board, that, from the report of three Justices of the peace, a negroe fellow called Moses, the property of John Spencer Esquire, was lately convicted of felony, but recommended to mercy,

It is therefore,

RESOLVED, That the execution of the said negroe fellow, be respited until the rising of the next Session of Assembly, and that his case be laid before the House during their said next sitting; the said negroe not to be discharged from custody before the Assembly shall decide on his case.

Mary Moore having applied to the Board for a compensation for public services of which she produced a number of certificates,

RESOLVED, That the same be referred to the Honorable the House of Assembly But as the said Mary Moore, appears to be in distress,

RESOLVED, That she receive out of the Treasury, for the present, one guinea, to be charged to the contingent fund.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of David Rees Esquire, Secretary of this Board, for the twenty five pounds being for one half years salary, the same to be charged to the civil establishment.

ORDERED, That a list of all caveats, entered in the books of the Secretary of this Board, up to the 10th day of this Instant, August, respecting lands in the two new Counties be published in the Gazette; and that the parties in the same do attend at Augusta, with their witnesses and proofs, in order for a hearing and decision before the Governor or President and Council, immediately after the expiration of thirty days from and after Thursday next the 19th Instant when this notification will be, for the first time, published in the Gazette.

ORDERED, That the foregoing order be continued in every Georgia Gazette to be published between this and the 19th day of next month.

The caveats are as follow.

George & John Galphin vs All persons	A tract of land in the fork of Great Ogechee Williamson's Swamp Washington— acres.
Thomas Napier vs Thomas Sanders	Washington County.
Michael Dixon vs Roger Lawson	Washington County.
David Harris vs Holman Freeman Geo. Freeman Evan Ragland & others	Washington County.
James McKeil vs Leonard Marbury	Richmond County appeal
Sanders Walker vs John Kimbrough. Willis Pope William Duke William Hammett Micajah Williamson Mordecai Baldwin and others	Washington County.
Samuel Hicks vs Perry	Washington County.
Nathaniel Christmas vs Micajah Williamson William Young & others	Washington County.

Richard Aycock vs Joseph Heard	Washington County.
Samuel Smith vs Hutchins Johnson	Wilkes County Appeal
Thomas Glascock vs William Downes	Washington County.
John Cobb vs John Greene	Washington County.
John Brown vs Joseph Phillips	Washington County.
William Little vs William Magee alias Maguhee	Washington County.

In Council, Savannah, 25th August 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

William Stephens, James Powell, John Green, John Spencer — Esquires.

WHEREAS, Divers great and weighty Matters require the meeting of the Legislature— It is therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Legislature be accordingly called to meet

in Savannah, on the first Wednesday in October next; then and there to sit for the dispatch of public business; and that the Governor do issue his proclamation for that purpose; and cause the same to be published in the Gazette.

A memorial from John Lucas, Esquire, being laid before the Board, setting forth, that he purchased a House and lot in Savannah at the first sales of confiscated property; but, owing to some neglect, the said premises become lapsed and were sold over again; that, nevertheless, he, the petitioner, had given his bonds for the money, which are now lodged in the Treasury; and the petitioner, therefore, prayed that his said bonds should now be delivered back to him.

It is ordered, that the bonds of the said John Lucas be, accordingly delivered back to him by the Treasurer, on there being a certificate by the Commissioners endorsed on the said memorial, that the said premises were so sold over again, as is set forth; or on the same appearing to the Treasurer, on the books of the said Commissioners.

Resolved, That the Governor do give drafts upon the Treasury in favor of John Spencer Esquire for £14. and James Powell Esquire for £20. 5. 8, being for their respective attendances in Council up to this day; pursuant to resolve of Assembly dated the 26th day of February last.

This day His Honor the Governor, in Council, signed the following grants. viz,

To Nicholas Subtrine	400	acres	Wilkes County.
" Joseph Subtrine	400	"	Ditto

In Council, Savannah, 31st August 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham John Spencer
John Green

Israel Bird, Esquire, appointed a Justice of the peace for the County of Effingham, by the Honorable the House of Assembly, attended Council and was qualified, accordingly, as such.

Resolved, That the Secretary do write a letter to Benjamin Andrew Esquire, a Member of this Board, to whom two letters have been, already written, requiring his attendance on Friday next, in Council, there being several weighty matters which have lain over for want of a full Board; that the said letter be sent by express at the expence of the said Benjamin Andrew, unless a good opportunity should otherwise offer in the course of this day.

In Council, Savannah, 3d September 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham John Green
Jenkin Davis Benjamin Andrew } Esquires

Petition of John Mylne, praying protection in this State as a citizen thereof,

Ordered, That the said John Mylne, do receive a temporary protection from this Board until a law shall be passed, pointing

out the mode for admitting persons to the right of citizenship: agreeable to a resolve of Assembly, passed 25th February 1784.

ORDERED, That the Treasurer do require the several Vendue masters to settle their accounts and pay up their respective taxes to the present period as far as they are liable to do so by law, or otherwise, that he do deliver an account of their bonds to the Attorney General, who is directed to put the same in suit without delay.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Benjamin Greene for £20. being the balance due of his account against the public up to the 6th day of June last, for the allowance given by act passed the 10th day of January 1782, to persons who became maimed, crippled or disabled in the service of their Country.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of John Green Esquire for £49. 9, 4 for his attendance in Council, as per his account examined, pursuant to a resolve of Assembly.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of John Riley, Messenger & Door-Keeper to the Council for £15. 2, Stg in part of his salary, pursuant of a resolve of Assembly.

Petition of Roger Cannon, praying a temporary protection, was read.

ORDERED, That the said Roger Cannon do receive a temporary protection from this Board until a law shall be passed pointing out the mode for admitting persons to the rights of citizenship, agreeable to a resolve of Assembly passed the 25th February 1784.

Application being made by John Martin Esquire, for the balance of his salary in the year 1782, amounting to £285,

RESOLVED, That, as the Board is informed this matter is connected with other acts which have been before the House of Assembly, That, therefore, the same lie over until the meeting of the Legislature and then to be laid before them.

ORDERED, That the Powder Receiver do deliver to the order of Major Pat. Carr, a keg, not exceeding 15^{lbs} w^{t} powder, with lead equivalent, for the use of his company, he to be accountable for the same to the public.

Petition of Levi Sheftall, being laid before the Board, praying that a suit against Capt William McIntosh, on a bond for confiscated property might be stayed, for the reasons set forth.

RESOLVED, That this Board cannot grant the prayer of said petition but refer the petitioner to the House of Assembly.

Petition from Col^{o} John Baker, accompanied with several vouchers, being laid before the Board, setting forth, that he had several large and just demands against the public, which, by reason of the Auditor's absence from Town, he could not get audited; and therefore praying that a suit, in the Attorney Generals hands against him on a bond for confiscated property might be stayed.

RESOLVED, as the opinion of this Board, 1st That as those bonds were placed in the hands of the Attorney General, by special order of the House and not of this Board; that therefore, it would be improper for the Executive to interfere, but under very peculiar circumstances.

2^{ndly} That as the time limited by the act of 29th July 1783, for admitting of discounts or receiving certificates, is now expired, that, therefore, even if the said accounts were audited, as the law now stands, the same could not be received in discount; and, therefore, this Board do not conceive themselves empowered to make the order prayed for. But recommend that the petition

of Col° Baker be taken into consideration by the House immediately on their meeting.

Petition Elizabeth Watson, late widow of William Lambeth, deceased who died a Lieutenant of one of the Georgia Cont[l] Galley's praying his bounty land— was read— Granted.

Petition Elizabeth Watson, late widow of Nathan[l] Hughes deceased, who died a Lieutenant of the Georgia Cont[l] Artillery, praying his bounty land—was read— Granted.

The Board agreed to remove the location of three warrants for bounty land, from Washington County to Franklin— to wit.

For Elijah Sapp	287 ½ acres	N°	1509
William Sapp	287 ½ ditto	"	1858
Menoah Cloud	575 do	"	1047

And then adjourned to meet at Augusta on the 10th Instant.

D. Rees Sec[y] E. C.

In Council, Augusta, Tuesday Septr. 14th 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

Daniel Coleman, Jenkin Davis, James M[c]Farland, Zacharias Fenn, John Green } Esquires.

Richard Aycock vs Joseph Heard } Caveat entered the 30th July 1784 which came on by consent, to be heard on this day— The Board are of opinion that the defendant ought *not* to have the land, but that the Plaintiff, on having the same surveyed for him will be entitled to a grant thereof.

In Council, Wednesday, September 15th 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

Daniel Colemen	Zacharias Fenn	Esquires.
Jenkin Davis	John Green	
James McFarland		

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council— viz,

To John Harvey	250	Acres	Wilkes County.
Saml Hawkins	200	"	
Andrew McNabb	200	"	
Alex McNabb	350	"	
Thomas Glascock	850	"	
Richard Heard	250	"	
Thomas Glascock	200	"	
James Hogg	350	"	
David Sidwell	400	"	
James Harvey	400	"	
Cornelius Dysart	150	"	Richmond County
Jonathan Woods	150	"	
Mann Simms	200	"	
To the Trustees	5000	"	Washington County.
Ditto	5000	"	
Ditto	5000	"	
Ditto	5000	"	

In Council Thursday, September 16th 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Green	James McFarland	Esquires.
Daniel Coleman	Jenkin Davis	
Zacharias Fenn		

This day, His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council. viz,

For John Roberts	287½ acres	Washington County.
Charles Stone	575 "	
Nehemiah Tunis	345 "	
Robert Manning	287½ "	
Capt Zachariah Phillips	287½ "	
Hezekiah Beal	575 "	
Jacob Awtry	287½ "	
Samuel Jack	287½ "	
William Philips	575 "	
Zachariah Philips	575 "	
Solomon Marshall	287½ "	
Nathan Wooten	287½ "	
Mann Simms	287½ "	
John Fuller	287½ "	
Harris Coleman	575 "	
John Glaspy	287½ "	
Absolem Islands	287½ "	
Thomas Allen	287½ "	
Abner Leggett	287½ "	
Alexander Awtry	862½ "	
Henry Allison	287½ "	
James Bowie	287½ "	
James Finley	287½ "	
William Patterson	287½ "	
John Wiggins	287½ "	
Thomas Snelson	287½ "	
William Carrell	287½ "	
John Dean	287½ "	
Micajah Castavous	287½ "	
Silas Moates	287½ "	
Simon Moates	287½ "	
Henry Castleberry	287½ "	
Wiliam Moates	287½ "	
Buckner Harris	575 "	
Peter Watson	287½ "	
Benjamin Davis	287½ "	
Reuben Jackson	287½ "	
Timothy Pitman	287½ "	
William Jackson	287½ "	
Owen Fort	287½ "	
Walton Harris	287½ "	
Peter Beson	287½ "	
John Holms	287½ "	
Jeremiah Welcher	287½ "	

In Council, Friday, September 17th 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

John Green	Daniel Coleman	Esquires.
James McFarland	Jenkin Davis	
Zacharias Fenn		

This day, His Honor, the Governor, signed the following grants in Council—viz,

For John Patterson	575	acres	Washington County.
Capt Zacharias Philips	575	"	
Joshua Inman	862½	"	
Saml Holliman	287½	"	
Jeremiah Bugg	287½	"	
Charles Burch	287½	"	
Thomas Childry	287½	"	
Zacharias Henderson	460	"	
Simon Salters	287½	"	
John Evans	287½	"	
Archibald Hatcher	287½	"	
David Jones	287½	"	
Joseph Avent	287½	"	
Samuel Whatley	575	"	
Danl Young	287½	"	
John Roberts	575	"	
Jeremiah Bugg	920	"	
Jeremiah Kendall.	287½	"	
Heirs of Richd Willie	287½	"	
Edward Rowell	287½	"	
Heirs of Wm Willie	287½	"	
John Oliver	287½	"	

In Council, Saturday September 18th 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

John Green	Zacharias Fenn	Esquires
James McFarland	Jenkin Davis	
Daniel Coleman		

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council—viz,

For the Heirs of John Davis	287½	Acres	Washington County.
Seaborn Jones	575	"	
John Berry	287½	"	
Thomas Johnson	287½	"	
Daniel McNair	287½	"	
James Culbreath	575	"	
William Freeman	575	"	
John Bennett	575	"	
William Collier	287½	"	
Thomas Brannons.	287½	"	
William Cone	287½	"	
William Barnett	287½	"	
Nathl Hicks Junr	747½	"	
William Ramsy.	287½	"	
Daniel McNeil Sen	287½	"	
James Simpson	287½	"	
Ralph Kilgore	287½	"	
Michael McNeil	287½	"	
Heirs of Archd McNeil	287½	"	
James McNeil.	1035	"	
Stephen Glover.	690	"	
Christopher Chambliss	575	"	
Peter Culbreath	287½	"	
Nathaniel Smith	287½	"	
Samuel Ramsy	287½	"	
Joshua Woods	575	"	
John Averett	287½	"	
Elijah Anderson	287½	"	
John Culbreath	287½	"	
Jesse McNeil	287½	"	
John Maddox	587½	"	
Thomas Cribbs	287½	"	

Thomas Woodworth	300	"	Wilkes County.
Alexander M^c^Alphin	200	"	
Richard Bellamy	200	"	
Thomas Shannon	200	"	
Henry Wideman	200	"	
Basil Lamare	200	"	
George Barber	500	"	
William Bently	300	"	
John Edes Senr	50	"	
Solomon Newsom	400	"	
Francis Holton	287½	"	
Nicholas Ware	100	"	
Zachariah Lamar	700	"	
Robert M^c^Garry	200	"	
John Sallis	200	"	
George Dooly.	200	"	
Basil Lamare.	250	"	
Richard Aycock Junr	200	"	
Francis Traywick.	200	"	
Joseph Wise	550	"	
George Dooly	200	"	
William Thorn	200	"	Effingham County
Richard Scruggs	100	"	"
David Thorn	200	"	"
Samuel Gates	200	"	Burke County

In Council, Monday September 20th 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Zacharias Fenn	Jenkin Davis	Esquires.
Daniel Coleman	John Spencer	

This day, His Honor, the Governor, signed the following grants in Council—viz,

WILKES COUNTY.

For Holman Freeman	500	Acres.
" Ditto	600	"
" Ditto	400	"
" Ditto	400	"
John Freeman	550	"
Ditto	1000	"
James Adams	200	"
James Finly	200	"
Wm Thompson	200	"
Mary Scott Townsend	200	"
James Bishop	400	"
Nathan Fowler	400	"
Sarah Fugate	300	"
James Adams	300	"
William Hammett	200	"
Axom Oneil	250	"
James Finly	400	"
Benjamin Thompson	200	"
John Hammett	200	"
James Finly	400	"

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Richard Careton	287½	Acres
Randolph Ramsy	287½	"

Burross Hickinbottom .....287½ acres
Clement Stuart .....287½ "
Isaac Richardson .....287½ "
William Maddox .....287½ "

RICHMOND COUNTY.

William Germany .....200 Acres

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Thomas Shaddock .....575 Acres.
Nicholas Bugg .....287½ "
William Where .....287½ "
Alexander Anderson .....287½ "
Jesse Morgan .....575 "
William Philips .....575 "
James Harris .....287½ "
John Jones .....287½ "
Lewis Powell .....287½ "
William Glascock .....1000 "
William Barnett .....287½ "
Isaac Skinner .....287½ "
David Carter .....287½ "
Daniel McNeil .....287½ "
Dempsey Justice .....287½ "
Charles Stewart .....287½ "
Lewis Davis .....287½ "

In Council, Tuesday, September 21st 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Zacharias Fenn, John Green, Jenkin Davis, Daniel Coleman } Esquires.

Sanders Walker vs John Kimbrough, Willis Pope, William Duke, William Hammett, Micajah Williamson, Mordecai Baldwin & others . . . . . .

Caveat entered 28th July 1784, This matter came on to be tried this day.

The Defendant, Williamson, undertakes for all the defendants.

An exception was taken by Mr. oJnes of Council for the defendants, to any evidence being admitted against the return of the County Surveyor, through the Surveyor Generals Office, certifying the division line between the two districts; and the same being debated by Council on both sides, the opinion of the Board thereon was taken.

Mr. Fenn, Mr. Davis & Mr. Coleman were of opinion that the plaintiff had a right to go fully into this business, and call what evidence he thought proper, on the same.

Mr. Green are of opinion that, the return made by the County Surveyor, for fixing the said line, was to be the guide of this Board, in respect to the said district lines, as much as the law was, in regard to the County lines and that, therefore, no viva voci evidence ought to be admitted to controvert the said return so made by the said County Surveyor and Surveyor General and in which said opinion the Governor perfectly coincides with Mr. Green.

After this the defendants Counsel produced an affidavit of

some material evidences being wanting, and, therefore, prayed that the said caveat might lie over.—this was objected to by the plaintiffs Counsel

The Board ordered that the said caveat do lie over until tomorrow week, then to come on peremptorily.

Samuel Smith
vs
Hutchings Johnston } Caveat
An Appeal from the verdict of Wilkes County Court,—The verdict confirmed.

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council—viz,

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

For Ruth Bonner	400	Acres.
Samuel Griffith	287½	"
John Taylor	287½	"
Patrick Carr	862½	"
Samuel Bloodworth	287½	"
William George	1000	"

WILKES COUNTY.

Richard Tyner	300	Acres.
William Moss	600	"
James Easter	300	"
William Lovell	200	"
Mark Thornton	200	"
Andrew Hamilton	300	"
Samuel Tyner	200	"
William Boner	300	"
Isham Sharp	300	"
William Thompson	200	"
William Ramsey	200	"
Stephen Bishop	200	"

Evan Ragland	450	Acres.
Axom Oneal	200	"
Thomas Kemp	200	"
Joel Doss	600	"
William Jackson	200	"
James Bishop	136	"
Sarah James	250	"
Samuel Crockett	200	"
Edward Welborn	300	"
Joseph Allen	200	"
Peter Edwards	350	"
James Little	250	"
Edward Black	500	"
Joseph Nail	200	"
William Webb	400	"
Samuel Hunter	200	"
James Easter	250	"
James Edwards	200	"
John White	200	"
John Gambol	200	"
Samuel Taylor	200	"
John Giles	2[illegible]	"
John Black	250	"
Charity Bowers	100	"
John Middleton	200	"
Richard Jones	200	"

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

The Trustees	5000	Acres
Ditto	5000	"
Ditto	5000	"
Ditto	5000	"

In Council, Wednesday 22nd September 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Zacharias Fenn, John Green, Joseph Davis, Daniel Coleman } Esquires.

ORDERED, That Joseph Pannill Esquire, County Surveyor for Washington, together with the six district Surveyors, appointed by him in the said County, do attend this Board on Wednesday next at 10 o'Clock in the forenoon, to explain and settle the division lines in the said County; and that all parties do bring with them, what evidence they think necessary, so that some permanent rules may be adopted; and the several districts ascertained for the future guidance of this Board in regard to the signing of grants. And that, in the mean time, all grants for lands in any contested districts do lie over and not be presented for signing. And it is further,

ORDERED, That the said County Surveyor do prepare and bring with him a correct chart or sketch of the County of Washington with the several districts marked out thereon, agreeable to his division of the same.

ORDERED, That a copy of the above be served upon the Secretary; another copy be sent to Joseph Pannill Esquire; another to each of the Assistant or district Surveyors, and another be posted up in some public part of the Town of Augusta, so that the same may be publickly and generally known to all concerned.

Thomas Blackshare vs William Downs } Caveat entered July 1784.
This matter coming on to be heard, and it appearing the plaintiff had already obtained a grant for another tract of land on warrant N° 5, in the name of Nathan Wooten, on which very warrant it was the said plaintiff now wanted to obtain the present land. It is therefore,

RESOLVED, as the opinion of this Board, that this caveat be dismissed and judgment given for the Defendant.

William Glascock Esq[r] one of the Inspectors of Tobacco, appointed by the Honorable the House of Assembly, having by letter to the Governor resigned the said appointment.

It is resolved, That Robert Dixon be appointed an Inspector of Tobacco in the room of the said William Glascock.

This day His Honor the Governor signed a grant in Council, for George Mathews 700 acres land, Wilkes County.

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council—viz,

WILKES COUNTY.

For Tunstale Roan	300	Acres
Jane Runnells	200	"
Garrett Tureman	200	"
William Jackson	200	"
Benjamin Thomas	200	"
Benjamin Howard	200	"
George Mathews	400	"
Nathaniel Bullock	400	"
Jacob Kennebrew	350	"
Joshua Perry	400	"
Enoch Stringfellow	200	"
Nathaniel Coates	200	"
Jonathan Ragan	100	"
Anthony Cooper	500	"
William Philips	300	"
George Mathews	800	"
Ditto	500	"
Willis Whatley	250	"
Joshua Perry	400	"
Richard Runnels	107	"
George Tureman	200	"
Joshua Perry	400	"

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

For William Candler	1150	Acres
James Bishop	287½	"
John Whitesides	287½	"
Nathaniel Hicks	300	"
Rev[d] Abraham Marshal	287½	"
Samuel Hicks	200	"
Thomas Tucker Sen[r]	287½	"
Daniel Ayres	460	"
John Gamble	287½	"
Henry Leverett	287½	"
Drury Mims	287½	"
John Lawson Irvin	287½	"
Jared Irwin	287½	"
John Peal	287½	"
Benjamin Catching	787½	"
Alexander Irwin	575	"
Richard Ryon	575	"
John Darby	287½	"
William Irvin	287½	"
Thomas Johnston	287½	"
Benedick Hammock	287½	"

In Council, Thursday, September 23[d] 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Zacharias Fenn, Daniel Coleman, John Green, Jenkin Davis } Esqrs.

Robert Dixon, appointed an Inspector of Tobacco, in the room of William Glascock Esq. who resigned; attended the Board and qualified himself for the said appointment agreeable to law.

David Harris vs Holman Freeman Geo. Freeman Evan Ragland David Wilson William [illegible] James Coleman James Hill	[illegible] [illegible] Baldwin, of Counsel for the defendants, moved that the name of Holman Freeman be struck [illegible] release of the land in q[illegible] was ordered accordingly.

The Board are of opinion that the plaintiff is entitled to a warrant of Survey on N° 366, and thereafter a grant for his quantity of land out of the disputed ground; that then the defendants have their parts for the remainder to bear date a day, at least, subsequent to the plaintiffs grant.

Horatio [illegible] in behalf of Leonard [illegible] vs James M'Neil	Appeal on a caveat tried in the County Court of Richmond County. The Board resolve, [illegible] be so far reversed as to allow the appellant to come in for his two improvements, which are supposed to cover 400 acres of land, being two headrights, in preference to all other surveys or warrants; provided the lines of the said 400 acres shall not run into any improvements of the respondents.

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council—viz.

RICHMOND COUNTY.

William Lee	100	Acres
Zacharias Fenn	287½	"
Ignatius Few	400	"

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Job Hinton	287½	acres
Joseph Hickinbottom	287½	"

James Neily	[illegible]	[illegible]
Henry Fine	230	"
William Anderson	[illegible]	"
Nathaniel Wheeler	[illegible]	"
Robert McMillin	[illegible]	"
John Potter	[illegible]	"
Ignatius [illegible]	[illegible]	"
John [illegible]	[illegible]	"

WILKINS COUNTY

John [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ignatius Few	350	"
[illegible]	[illegible]	"
[illegible] Fellows	[illegible]	"
[illegible] Evans	[illegible]	"
Seth [illegible]	[illegible]	"
John [illegible]	[illegible]	"
[illegible]	[illegible]	"
Ignatius Few	[illegible]	"
Starn Simmons	200	"
James [illegible]	[illegible]	"
James [illegible]	[illegible]	"
John [illegible] Senr	[illegible]	"
Peter Strozier	700	"
Wiley & Tisdall Whatley	400	"
[illegible] Ragland	200	"
Jacob Martin	200	"
Churchwell Hooper	200	"
Christopher Blanton	200	"
Claiborn Newsom	200	"
Drury David McCullar	400	"
John Simmons	650	"
Hezekiah Bussey	200	"
Basil Lamare	600	"
Ignatius Few	400	"
Margaret Davidson	200	"

Zachariah Lamar	250	acres
Basil Lamare	100	"
Thomas Mitchell	575	"
William Fenn Senr	750	"
Evan Ragland	400	"
John Hubbard	200	"
Hezekiah Bussey	200	"
William Fenn Junr	600	"
Ignatius Few	200	"
Noah Cloud	200	"
George Lumpkins	1250	"
Travis McKinny	150	"
John Webb Junr	200	"

In Council, Friday, September 24th 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Green, Daniel Coleman, Zacharias Fenn, Jenkin Davis } Esq^{s}

On application of Henry Ware Senr setting forth, that, having had in his possession four land warrants, N° 2402. 2512. 2283. & 1782. granted to the different persons therein named, he, the said Henry Ware, has accidently lost the same as by his affidavit annexed. and therefore, praying that the said warrants might be renewed, and that he, said Henry Ware, might obtain duplicates of the same

It is ordered, accordingly, on his, the said Henry Ware, giving the Council bond with two securities, in such cases provided.

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council— viz,

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Charles Wildes	287½	acres
James Bishop	287½	"
James Rushing	287½	"
John Oneil	287½	"
David Gaston	345	"
Jacob Brandon	287½	"
Titus Hollinger	287½	"
John Beckham	287½	"
Benjamin Barlimore	287½	"
Stephen Bishop	287½	"
Joseph Catchings	287½	"

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Samuel Payne	250	acres
Nicholas White	200	"
Samuel Payne	50	"

WILKES COUNTY.

Samuel Gilmore	250	acres
James Scott	200	"
Samuel Hoof	200	"
Jesse Walton	200	"
William Heard	257	"
Nicholas White	200	"
John Kelly	300	"
John Bentley	200	"
Travis McKenny	250	"
Susannah Williams	100	"
Benjamin Howard	300	"
Gannaway Martin	400	"
John Holmes	150	"
William Smith	140	"

Solomon Barefield	500	acres
Jacob M'Lendon	[illegible]	"
Ditto	250	"
Ditto	[illegible]	"
Dyonisius Oliver	[illegible]	"
Edmund Cartledge	[illegible]	"
George Hagby	[illegible]	"
Peter Smith	200	"
Joseph Grey	275	"
Sanders Walker	200	"
Ditto	[illegible]	"
Ditto	[illegible]	"
Ditto	[illegible]	"
Ditto	800	"
Ditto	350	"
Ditto	200	"

In Council, Saturday, September 25th 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Green
Daniel Coleman
Jenkin Davis
Zacharias Fenn } Esqrs.

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council. viz,

WILKES COUNTY.

Mary Morgan	350	acres
Gannaway Martin	250	"
Jeremiah Cloud	200	"
Sampson Monger	200	"
Solomon Palmer	550	"

William Phillips ..... [illegible] acres
William Dean ..... 200 "
George Walton ..... [illegible] "
Edward Hornsby ..... [illegible] "
Jeremiah Walker ..... 264 "
Edmund Newsom ..... [illegible] "
Owen Fluker ..... 300 "
David [illegible] ..... 300 "
Hardy [illegible] Penny ..... 100 "
William Walker ..... 200 "

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Samuel Wilder ..... 287½ acres

William Little
vs
William [illegible]
alias, McGehee } Caveat entered July 1784.

On motion of the plaintiff, grounded on an affidavit, of his witnesses being absent; and that he could not, with safety, come to trial at present, and by consent of Mr Jones, Attorney for the Defend^t

It is ordered, That this caveat do lie over and be advertised for trial with the next list of caveats.

John Cobb
vs
John Green } Caveat entered July 1784.

Postponed until the next term for trial of caveats, by consent of both parties— Seaborn Jones Esquire for the Plaintiff.

John Brown
vs
Joseph Philips } Caveat entered July 1784.

Postponed until the next term for trial of caveats by consent of both parties —Mr Baldwin for the Plaintiff.

In Council, Monday September 27th 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

Jenkin Davis	Daniel Coleman	Esqrs.
John Green	Zacharias Fenn	

WHEREAS, by a former resolve of this Board, it was directed that the office of the Surveyor General should be returned to Savannah on the first of October next, but it being represented there are divers persons in the upper Counties who have not, as yet, to complete their business in that Office,— It is therefore,

RESOLVED, That the said office be continued in Augusta until the first day of November next, and then be positively removed to Savannah for the conveniency of such of the inhabitants of the lower Counties as have business to do in the said office.

Michael Dixon vs Roger Lawson	Caveat entered	July 1784.

The Board are of opinion the defendant, Roger Lawson ought to have a grant for the land in question.

In Council, Tuesday, September 28th 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Green	Zacharias Fenn	Esqrs.
Jenkin Davis	Daniel Coleman	

Ezekiel Stallings vs Edward Rowell } Caveat entered 21st August 1784.

The Board are of opinion the defendant, Edward Rowell, ought to have a grant for the land in question.

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants, in Council.— viz,

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

For Count De Estaing	5000	acres
Do	5000	"
Do	5000	"
Do	5000	"

In Council, Wednesday, September 29th 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

John Green	Zacharias Fenn	Esqrs.
Daniel Coleman	Jenkin Davis	

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council—viz.

WILKES COUNTY.

Benjamin Scott	700	acres
Benjamin Wheeley	100	"
Jacob Hamilton	250	"
[illegible] Mitchell	[illegible]	"
Edward McCarty	[illegible]	"
Rachel Cook	[illegible]	"
John Lankford	[illegible]	"
Thomas Avent	200	"
Thomas Mitchell	150	"

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Jesse Pugh	287½	acres
George Waynewright	287½	"
Thomas Smith	287½	"
John Freeman	575	"
James McFarland	287½	"
Mathew Marshell	287½	"
Edward Powell	500	"

WILKES COUNTY.

James Borin	200	acres
Julius Nail	200	"
Lewis Clarke	350	"
Thomas Gregg	300	"
Daniel Murphy	200	"
Thomas Gregg	300	"
Samuel Sewell	300	"

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

John McFarland	287½	acres
John Triel	287½	"
Edward Prather	287½	"
Thomas Watson	287½	"
Jesse Brooks	287½	"

WILKES COUNTY.

Charles Burkes	100	acres
Abigail Wells	150	"
Leslie Coates	250	"
Samuel Walker	500	"
John Fannin	250	"
Andrew Hickens	500	"
Andrew Hall	200	"
John Tooley	200	"
Thomas Gregg	250	"
Abigail Wells	100	"

WILKES COUNTY.

Cuthbert Hudson	150	acres
Julius Howard	550	"
[illegible]	350	"
[illegible]	200	"
Thomas Morgan	200	"
George Dooly	100	"
Hannah Anderson	200	"
Aly, Mary & Darling McDaniel	200	"
Priscilla Jones	350	"
Thomas Gregg	500	"
James Morgan	200	"
Jacob Pinell	200	"
John Castleberry	200	"
Samuel Waller	300	"
Thomas Mitchell	200	"
Edward Watts	200	"
Richard Cureton	160	"
John Simmons	300	"
Susannah Wall	200	"
Asa Hooks	250	"
Arthur Atkins	200	"
William Davis	200	"

John Stuart	400	acres
John Thurmund	200	"
Robert Simms	200	"
Thomas Bethany	200	"
Mark Holliman	200	"
Davis & Joseph Mims	200	"
Edward Pharr	200	"
Harmon Runnells	200	"
Benjamin Moosely	500	"
James Davis	200	"
James Easter	450	"
Joseph Busson	200	"
Matthew Hubbard	200	"

RICHMOND COUNTY.

John Shelman	200	"
William Sturges	400	"
James Caldwell	200	"

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Heirs of John Sutton	287½	"
William Sikes	287½	"
Holman Freeman	690	"
Thomas Smith	287½	"
Edward Kelly	575	"
James Davis	287½	"
Benjamin Joiner	575	"
William Hill	287½	"
Charles Harvy	287½	"
John Clowers	287½	"
Benjamin Wells	575	"
Joshua Miller	287½	"
Heirs of Joshua Welch	287½	"
Isaac Ramsy	287½	"
Nicholas Hughes	287½	"
John Chambers	287½	"

In Council, Thursday, September 30th 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

John Green	Zacharias Fenn	Esqrs
George Walton	Jenkin Davis	

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council—viz,

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Joseph Nail	575	acres
William Simmons	287½	"
Thomas Patton	287½	"
Henry Black	575	"
Edward McGarry	575	"
Ezekiel Cloud	575	"
Thomas Gregg	575	"
Stephen Westbrook	690	"
Joel Doss	575	"

WILKES COUNTY.

Elijah Clark	600	"
George Bagby	400	"
Richard Whatley	250	"
Isaac McLendon	400	"

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Thomas Greer	200	acres
Sarah Richardson	200	"
Samuel Scott	200	"

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Robert Perrett	287½	acres
Samuel Brannum	287½	"
John Coleman	287½	"

John Quails .....287½ acres
Edward Hagan .....287½ "
Howell Rowell .....287½ "
John Killgore .....287½ "

WILKES COUNTY.

Matthew Hubbard .....400 acres
Robert Leverett .....250 "
Holman Freeman .....1150 "
Samuel Niel .....200 "
Hezekiah Bussey .....400 "
Thomas Walton .....400 "
William Morgan .....200 "
Stephen Gilmore .....200 "
John Oneil .....300 "
William Yancy .....200 "
William Chapman .....300 "
Joseph Henderson .....200 "
Samuel Alexander .....200 "
William Hammett .....100 "

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Henry Nail .....287½ "
Heirs of Nicholas Jarvis .....575 "
Reuben Nail .....287½ "
Robert Graves .....287½ "
Moses Tremble .....287½ "

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Samuel Underwood .....287½ acres
Stouton Hoyman .....287½ "
Edward Boyd .....287½ "
John Tureman .....287½ "
Isaac Razer .....287½ "
James Stallings .....690 "
William Motte .....287½ "

Stephen Hayman .....287½ acres
John Querns .....287½ "
John Taylor .....287½ "
William May .....287½ "
Jacob Dennis .....287½ "
Charles Williams .....287½ "
Moody Burt .....287½ "
John Rice .....287½ "
Joseph Statin .....287½ "
Bartley Anderson .....444 "
Thomas Lamare .....287½ "
John Ramsey .....287½ "
Randolph Ramsey .....287½ "

RICHMOND COUNTY.

John Peek .....200 acres
Hannah Calwell .....200 "
John M'Queen .....250 "

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Patrick Jarvis .....287½ acres
George Dooly .....575 "
George Dooly .....287½ "
James Allison .....575 "
Charles Williams .....287½ "
Thomas Mitchell .....287½ "
John Gileson Evins .....200 "

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

John Burke .....287½ acres
Thomas Yarbroth .....287½ "

WILKES COUNTY.

Sanders Walker .....200 acres
Jonathan Ragan .....350 "
William Hammett .....200 "

James Lambert.....200 acres
Axom Oneal .....250 "
John Holmes .....150 "
Moses Powell .....200 "

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Thomas Brantley .....287½ acres
Robert Day .....287½ "
John Lamare .....1000 "
Leonard Moss .....287½ "
Edward Hagan .....287½ "
Isaac Betsill .....550 "

RICHMOND COUNTY.

William Mayes .....200 "

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

William Glascock .....287½ acres
John Shannon .....287½ "
Robert Gilgore .....287½ "
Robert Taylor .....287½ "
John Harvy .....287½ "
Robert Hatcher .....287½ "
Robert Bonner .....287½ "
Henry Anderson .....287½ "
Charles Harvey .....287½ "

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

John & George Golphin .....15000 acres
James Stallings .....1000 "
Ambrose Gordon .....700 "
George Gressl .....287½ "
John McMunn .....287½ "
James Moor .....287½ "
George Irwin .....287½ "
John McFarland .....287½ "
Axom Oneil .....287½ "

WILKES COUNTY.

John Lindsay	300	acres
John Lindsay	400	"
John Lindsay	400	"
George Dooly	200	"
Garland Winkfield	40	"
James McFarland	950	"
Samuel Walker	250	"
Josiah Carter	200	"
William Lawson	200	"
Josiah Carter	200	"

Joseph Pannill Esquire, County Surveyor for Washington, together with Thomas Lewis, Nicholas Long, Benjamin Catching, Micajah Williamson and Jesse Sanders five of the Assistant Surveyors of the said County, attended the Board, pursuant to the order of the 22d day of this Instant; and being all duly sworn, were severally examined, when the Board, after mature deliberation, determined, and do resolve that the district or division lines, returned and marked in a draft, under the hand of the said County Surveyor, and countersigned by the said Assistants, are, and shall be considered as the true district or division lines of the said County in future, and shall be the guide of this Board in respect to the passing and signing grants. And whereas, whilst some parcels of land were in dispute between the said District Surveyors divers surveys were made for different persons, of the same peice of ground, which, by law, are void in case the land is not found to be now within the district of the Surveyor who made such survey. It is nevertheless, resolved by this Board, that it shall be a standing rule and instruction to the Surveyor General, as well as the County Surveyor, in all cases where a surveyor has been made, or where two or more surveys of the same peice of land has been made, by two different Surveyors, to give the preference to the first Surveyor, notwithstanding the land may not now fall within the district of the Surveyor who

made the survey, on condition that the person who had such survey made for him, do, within three months apply to the right surveyor and have the land run over again for him or her, and the works properly carried thro' the offices for a grant.

And it is further the opinion of this Board, that, in all cases where it now appears, that any Surveyor has surveyed, without his own district, that such Surveyor ought to be compelled to return and refund what fees he has received for the said business. And whereas, Mr. Solomon Pendleton, the Assistant Surveyor for district N° 1. did, on the twentieth day of this Instant, September, enter a caveat in behalf of several persons therein named against any grant passing for a large tract of land, on a supposition that the same fell within his district, which said tract of land is now found not to fall within district N° 1. and as some of the persons named in the said caveat disavow the act of the said Mr. Pendleton, and it does not appear he has any written authority from any of the others, and as the only point upon which the merits of the said caveat could turn, is now adjusted and settled, and moreover, as this was the day appointed by general consent, for all the Surveyors, to attend the Board in order to obtain a settlement of these contested points, of which all parties had notice, It is therefore,

Resolved, in order that the number of persons who are detained and delayed by this caveat, may be put to no further unnecessary trouble and expence, that the said caveat be dismissed, the same being already, fully determined by the first part of this rule, is highly irregular in many other points, and contrary to the judgment of this Board, in a similar case already given.

Sanders Walker vs John Kimbrow	Caveat entered 28th July 1784.
Willis Pope Wm Duke, Wm Hammett Micajah Williamson & Mordecai Baldwin	The Board are of opinion that the caveat of the Plaintiff, ought to be dismissed, and grants passed for the Defendants.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Mr. Andrew Whitefield for £82, 10/ for supplies and presents to the Indians by order of this Board at the late conference and treaty with them, as appears by the amount and vouchers of the said Andrew Whitefield.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of William McIntosh Esquire, for £47. 17. 8, being the amount of his account for presents supplied the Indians, by order of the Board, at the late conference and treaty with them, as appears by the account and vouchers of the said William McIntosh.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Mrs. Randolph for six dollars for the use of her room whilst the Council set in Augusta.

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board that the case of Nathaniel Hicks is peculiarly hard, *in that,* he having procured some corn for the Troops at a time, when there was no other way of getting it, is now sued and his effects seized for the very provisions so procured. It is therefore,

RESOLVED, That that the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of the said Nathaniel Hicks for the amount of his demand, being £10. 10 and that the same be charged to the contingent fund.

Galphins vs All persons	This caveat appearing to involve some considerations of consequence

It is ordered, That the same do lie over until the next sitting of Assembly and be then referred to them, and that in the mean time no grants be signed for any lands within the district claimed by the plaintiffs.

William Brown having, by letter, reesigned the appointment of an Inspector of Tobacco,

RESOLVED, That Mr. Abia Clay be appointed an Inspector in his room who attended the Board and qualified as such, accordingly.

Col° Heard appointed a Commissioner to view the Tennessee Lands appeared before the Board and gave some information on that business.

RESOLVED, That this matter be adjourned over until the meeting of the Assembly on the sixth of next month.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of John Green for £13. 1. 4 being for his attendance in Council up to this day and charge the same to the establishment.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury, in favor of Col. Mc Farland for £26. 10/. being for his attendance in Council up to this day and charge the same to the establishment.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Colo. George Walton for £18. 13, 4. being for his attendance in Council up to this day and charge the same to the establishment.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favour of Zacharias Fenn for £10. 14. 8 being for his attendance in Council up to this day and charge the same to the establishment.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Daniel Coleman Esqr for £11. 13/4 being for his attendance in Council up to this day and charge the same to the establishment.

In Council, Friday October 1st 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor.

George Walton	James McFarland	Esqrs.
Daniel Coleman	Jenkin Davis	
John Green	Zacharias Fenn	

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council—viz,

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Jonathan Youngblood	287½	acres
Thomas Fuqua	287½	"
Heirs of Richard Harvy	287½	"
Joel Barnett	287½	"
Benjamin Howard	287½	"
Hugh Irvin	287½	"
William Clark	287½	"
George Neil	287½	"
Aaron Sinquefield	287½	"
Reason Bowie	287½	"

And then the Board adjourned to meet in Savannah.

Wm Freeman D. C. E. C.

In Council, Savannah, 8th October 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor.

John Habersham	John Spencer	Esquires
Benjamin Andrew	John Fulton	

A letter from the Chief Justice being laid before the Board, desiring to know their construction of the 19th Sec. of the Constitution, and the latter part of the first clause of the act of Assembly passed the 24th February 1784, in regard to criminals who shall be sentenced to death; and the Board taking the same into consideration, do resolve their opinion to be as follows,

1st That in all capital convictions, the time of execution ought to be fixed by the Judges at so long a period as, according to the distance of the County from the Seat of Government, to give the Executive Authority sufficient time to interpose in favor of a person condemned to death, if they shall think necessary or proper to do so,— And in case the Executive do not interpose by *a special order* to the Sheriff but on the contrary determine to leave the law to its course, that the Sheriff ought to cause or carry the sentence into execution under the rule of court, and without requiring any further warrant from the Executive Authority

2ndly That at the end or close of the Session in each County, the Chief Justice or Judges ought, as expeditiously as possible, to cause a report of all capital convictions and sentences that took place during that Session to be laid before the Executive Authority.

Two letters, one from General Green, dated 12th September; and the other from John Bowman, Esquire, dated 20th September 1784, complaining of a number of persons, who were cutting down live oak, on the Island of Cumberland, being laid before the Board,

RESOLVED, That the Governor do write a letter to the Spanish Governor of East-Florida, and also another to Governor Tonyn on the subject; and request their interposition to prevent those unwarrantable practices.

A letter from the Chief Justice dated 6th October 1784, requesting an advance of twenty pounds, in part of his salary, being laid before the Board,

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury, in favor of the Chief Justice, for that sum, to be charged to the establishment.

The Treasurer having applied for another quarters salary viz, fifty pounds to be paid him,

RESOLVED, That the Governor do, accordingly, give him a draft for the same, to be charged to the establishment.

In Council, Savannah 12th October 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor.

John Habersham	John Spencer	Esquires
John Fulton	Benjamin Andrew	

WHEREAS, information has been made to this Board, by the Attorney General, in obedience to an order from the Chief Justice, that John Maxwell, a person named in the act of confiscation and banishment, passed at Augusta on the 4th day of May 1782, is now lurking at some part or place within this State, without any permission or protection for that purpose.

It is therefore

Resolved, in conformity to the terms and directions of the said law, that the Governor do issue his warrant, under the Great Seal, directed to the several Sheriffs of the respective Counties within this State, strictly commanding and requiring them, without the least delay, to make diligent search and enquiry in, and throughout their respective Counties for the said John Maxwell; and having found him, that they do apprehend and commit him to Jail, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until a convenient opportunity shall offer for transporting the said John Maxwell beyond the seas to some part of the British Kings Dominions; and that, then, they do cause him to be so transported, accordingly, after which, to make due return of the said warrant, together with the proceedings in the premises.

The State vs Daniel Bonnell The Younger	Robbery

A report or summary of the trial, verdict and sentence in this case, being made, and the same duly considered, the Council unanimously advise, that the Executive Authority do not interpose, but, on the contrary, leave the law to its course, which is, accordingly resolved and determined upon, by the Board.

The State vs George Armstrong & Jacob Hale	Forgery

A report or summary of the trial, verdict and sentence in this case, being made and the same duly considered; the Council unanimously advise, that, in consequence of the criminals being recommended to mercy the Executive Authority do reprieve them and each of them, until the meeting of Assembly, who may determine on their cases as shall be judged fit, which is accordingly resolved and determined upon by the Board.

This day His Honor the Governor, in Council, signed the following grants, to wit,

Edward Keating	200	acres	Wilkes County.
William Godbe	200	"	Burke County.
George Dooly	450	"	Wilkes County.
Frederick Jones	250	"	Burke County.

In Council, Savannah 22d October 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor.

William Stephens, John Fulton, Jenkin Davis, James Powell } Esquires

ORDERED, That a list of all caveats entered in the books of the Secretary of this Board, up to this day, and still and determined respecting land in the two new Counties, be published in the Gazette and that the parties in the same do attend at Savannah with their witnesses and proofs in order for a hearing and decision before the Governor or President and Council on and immediately after the second Tuesday in December next.

ORDERED, That the foregoing order be continued in every Georgia Gazette to be published between this and the said second Tuesday in December next.

The caveats are as follows.

Nathan[l] Christmas
vs
Micajah Williamson
William Young
and others } Washington County.

John Cobb vs John Green	Ditto.
John Brown vs Joseph Philips	Ditto.
William Little vs William Magee alias Magetree	Ditto.
Francis Pugh vs Isaac Lockhart Polock & others	Washington County.
——— Johnson vs Henry Kerr	Franklin County.
Jesse Roundtree vs Reason Bowie	Washington County.
John Ragan vs Richard Call Micajah Williamson and others	County.
Nath[l] Coates vs Sitha Hammitt William Perritt Cornelius Smith and others	County.
John Armor vs Thomas Wooten or any other	County.

Charles Burke vs Micajah Williamson or any other	County.
Thomas Napier vs Jacob Landers or any others	Washington County.
William Downes vs Elijah Gillet and all others	Washington County.
Patrick M^c^Elmurry vs Daniel Burnett	Wilkes County.
Elijah Clark vs Richard Woods	County.
James Cunningham vs Benjamin Green	County.
Thomas Carswell vs Micajah Williamson	W^n^ County
Miles Duncan vs Joseph White	County.
John Fling vs Peter Youngblood	W^n^ County

Absolem Islands & Stephen Bishop vs Michael Whatley John Whatley Sam[l] Sinkfield and all others	County.
Heirs of Reuben Guilder vs Arthur Smith	Wilkes County.
Nehemiah Dann vs Micajah Willimson William Young Sam[l] Harper Mordecai Balden John Kimbrer— Willis Pope, W[m] Duke, W[m] Hammett and all others.	County.
Travis M[c]Kinny vs Thomas Snelson	Washington County.
John M[c]Kenny vs Leben Watson & all others	County.

Resolved, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of John Green the Younger, who became disabled, in the Service of the State, in both his arms, for £60. being two years allowance granted to persons in his situation by act of Assembly passed on the 10th day of January 1782, the said two years, commencing on the 12th July 1782, and ending on the 12th July 1784; and that the said sum be charged to the contingent fund.

This day His Honor the Governor, in Council, signed the following grants, to wit,

WILKES COUNTY.

Solomon Palmer .....200 acres.
William Hughes ....200 "
Abraham Baldwin .....200 " R. C.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Hugh McNeelly .....287½ acres
Sterling Jenkins .....250 " W. C.
Philip Combs .....300 " W. C.

WILKES COUNTY.

Elizabeth Partee .....200 acres.

RICHMOND COUNTY.

John Shackelford .....200 acres.
Joseph Staten.....200 acres.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

John Bags.....287½ acres.
Daniel McNeelly .....287½ "
William Downes .....300 " W. C.

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Jesse McNiel .....200 acres
Ebenezer Sterns .....100 "
William Crittenden .....150 "

WILKES COUNTY.

Miriam Lincecum.....200 acres
James May .....400 "
Owen Fluker.....800 "

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

John Martin Junr .....287½ acres

WILKES COUNTY.

William Downes	300 acres.
Margarett Dawster	200 "
Stephen Heard	500 "
James Hill	500 "

RICHMOND COUNTY.

John Dean	150 acres.

In Council, Savannah 26th October 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham, James Powell, John Fulton, John Spencer } Esquires

Captain Spencer having produced an account in favor of Jenkin Davis Esquire, for his attendance in Council during the year 1782, amounting to seventy seven pounds, three shillings, and the same appearing to be entered on the Council Books of that period, and approved of by the then Governor and Council

It is ordered, That the said Jenkin Davis have a draft upon the Treasury for that sum, agreeable to a resolved of Assembly, passed the 26th February 1784.

Whereas, the Honorable House of Assembly, by resolve passed 20th February 1784, did appoint certain commissioners to repair to the River Tennessee, within this State, for the purposes therein mentioned. And whereas, the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, having accordingly repaired thither, did form a Board, and proceeding to business, amongst other things did appoint certain Militia officers, as by the said resolve of Assembly

they were authorized to do, that is to say, John Levier Esquire, Col°; John Donilson Lt Colo. and Valentine Levier Junr Major; It is therefore,

RESOLVED, pursuant to the direction of the said resolve of Assembly that militia commissions do, accordingly issue, and be signed by the Governor for the said officers, and likewise that twenty blank commissions be signed and delivered to Col° Heard, one of the said Commissioners to be carried to the said Board and filled up at their next meeting for the Captains and Subalterns of the Battalion of which the persons above mentioned are Field Officers.

This day the following grants were signed by His Honor the Governor in Council, viz,

WILKES COUNTY.

Micajah Williamson .....200 acres
Bernard Heard .....300 "
Micajah Williamson .....200 "
Micajah Williamson .....141 "

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Gideon Patterson .....287½ acres
James Hammett .....287½ "

WILKES COUNTY.

Charles Parks .....200 acres

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Thomas McGehee .....575 acres

WILKES COUNTY.

Samuel Smith .....400 acres
Joseph Turnbull .....200 "
Samuel Smith .....100 "
Micajah Williamson .....500 "

Abner Leggett	150	"
Stephen Heard	800	"
Andrew West	200	"

WILKES COUNTY.

John Gillmore	200	acres
Jeremiah Brantly	200	"
Robt & Wm Germany	500	"
John Peters	200	"
John Holmes	162	"
John Holmes	200	"
John King	400	"
John Cloud	400	"
John Clements	200	"

In Council, Savannah 2^{d} November 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

William Stephens, John Fulton, Jenkin Davis, James Powell } Esquires

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of the John Fulton Esquire, for twenty five pounds, four shillings, being for his attendance in Council up to the first Instant, pursuant to resolve of Assembly passed 26th February 1784, and that the same be charged to the establishment.

WHEREAS, by act of Congress of the 20th February 1782, the Superintendant of the finances of the United States is authorized and directed to nominate a fit person for Commissioner to settle the accounts between the said United States and each particular state, in manner pointed out and directed by the said act

of Congress, such person, nevertheless, subject to the appropriation of the Legislature or Executive Authority of the particular State for which he is so nominated. And whereas, the said Superintendant, to wit, Robert Morris Esquire, did, by letter bearing date 3d February 1784 signify to His Honor the Governor, that he had, in pursuance of the said act of Congress, nominated Edward Williams Esquire, as Commissioner for Georgia, for the several purposes therein mentioned;

RESOLVED, therefore, That this Board do approve the nomination of the said Edward Williams as Commissioner for the purposes aforesaid; and that His Honor the Governor do signify the same to the said Superintendant of Finances.

WHEREAS, Samuel Salters Esquire, Senior Assistant Justice, presiding at a land Court, having, by letter to the Governor, signified that there was great demand for some person to act as County Surveyor, for the Counties of Glynn and Camden; that Christopher Hillary Esquire, was nominated as such, by the Honorable House of Assembly; but that the said Christopher Hillary had never, as yet, acted or qualified in the said appointment. It is therefore,

ORDERED, That the Secretary of this Board do write a letter to the said Christopher Hillary requiring him, within one month, attend and qualify himself for the appointment aforesaid, or else, to signify his determination in the premises.

The following grants were, this day, signed by His Honor the Governor, in Council.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Thomas Greer	575	acres.
Jonathan Wood	287½	"

WILKES COUNTY.

James Howell	400	"
Thomas Greer	200	"

WILKES COUNTY.

William Greer .....200 acres

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Daniel Evans .....287½ acres

WILKES COUNTY.

Cornelius Cochran .....200 acres

In Council, Savannah 5th November 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

William Stephens, James Powell, John Fulton, Jenkin Davis } Esquires

A letter of the 26th September last, from Alexander McGilvray, in the Creek nation, being laid before the Board; and read,

It is ordered, That the same be referred to the House of Assembly at their next meeting.

Two petitions, one, from Thomas Greene, in behalf of the people of the Natchez Settlement; and the other, from a number of persons in East-Florida, being laid before the Board,

It is ordered, That the same be refered to the House of Assembly at their next meeting.

Resolved, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Mrs. Tondee for fifteen pounds, pursuant to resolve of Assembly, dated 5th August 1782, and that the same be charged to the Contingent Fund.

This day His Honor, the Governor, in Council, signed the following grants, viz,

Richmond County.	Washington County
David Harris....200 acres.	Robert Jones....287½ acres
Robert Long...287½ "	Lewis Friel .....287½ "

In Council Savannah 9th November 1784.

Present,

William Stephens, James Powell, John Fulton, John Spencer } Esquires.

WHEREAS, This Board did, on the 28th day of January last, with the concurrence of the Honorable House of Assembly, offer a reward of twenty five pounds to any person who should apprehend, and deliver at the common Jail in Savannah, Benjamin Davis who had broke out from the same. And whereas, Benjamin Greene, having, accordingly, apprehended and delivered at the common Jail in Savannah, the said Benjamin Davis, is, thereby, become entitled to the said reward, It is therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of the said Benjamin Greene, for the said twenty five pounds as the reward aforesaid; and that the same be charged to the Contingent fund.

This day, the following grants were signed by His Honor the Governor, in Council;

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Thomas Pennington .....287½ acres
Samuel Berryhill .....287½ "
Travis Fenn .....287½ "

In Council, Savannah, November 12th 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	William Stephens
James Powell	John Fulton
Daniel Coleman (concurred)	

A letter dated 16th October 1784, from John Woods, containing some inclosures of consequence in regard to the disposition of the Indians, being laid before the Board, It is resolved and

Ordered, That copies of the said letters be sent to Colo. Clarke, of Wilkes County, without delay. But as the subject matter of said letters appears to involve many considerations: that, therefore, it will be expedient and proper not to come to any final determination on the same until the meeting of the Assembly in January next. It is, also,

Resolved, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of.....McCumpsey, who brought the said letters, by Express, for sixteen dollars, to be charged to the contingent fund.

This day His Honor the Governor, in Council, signed the following grant. to wit,

For David Thorn..44 acres land—Effingham County.

In Council, Savannah 16th November 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	James Powell	Esquires
Daniel Coleman	James McFarland	
Jenkin Davis	John Fulton	

Christopher Hillary Esquire, County Surveyor, for the Counties of Glynn & Camden, pursuant to the order of the 2d Instant, attended and informed the Board, he was ready to qualify,

Ordered, That the said Christopher Hillary be referred to the Justices of the Land Court, for the Counties of Glynn and Camden for his qualification to be made and given before them, pursuant to the 8th Sec. of the Land Act, passed 17th February 1783.

Resolved, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of James Rae Esquire for eight pounds, eight shillings and two pence, for supplies to the Indians at different times in Augusta, by order, partly, of the President; and that the same be charged to the contingent fund.

Resolved, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Major Pat. Carr, for eleven pounds, three shillings and six pence, for supplies to the Talasee King and other Indians on their return home. And that the same be charged to the Contingent Fund.

The Governor having stated the case of Colo Martin, and notified that he had made application for a final settlement of his account and an order for the balance thereof, on the Treasury, put the following questions thereon.

1st. Whether Colo. Martins account can, or ought to be settled by this Board, and an order given on the Treasury for the balance due him? Or, whether the same ought to be referred to the House of Assembly.

2ndly. How is that balance to be settled, that is to say, ought Colo Martin to be allowed rations whilst he remained in Augusta in his Government over and above the ten negroes, voted by resolve, dated 4th May 1782, or ought such vote to be considered in full of every thing except his Salary.

The Board having taken the first question into consideration, are of opinion that the settlement of Colo. Martins account, ought to be referred the House of Assembly: and that this Board cannot, with propriety, interfere therein, by which answer to the first question, it became unnecessary to put the second to the Board.

In Council, Savannah 23d November 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	John Fulton	Esquires
James Powell	Daniel Coleman	
Zacharias Fenn		

Resolved, That a license be granted to Major Pat. Carr, to carry on a trade with the Creek Nation of Indians, on his complying with the terms of an act of the General Assembly, passed 25th February 1784, and that the Secretary of this Board do take the necessary bond, and prepare the proper license to be signed by the Governor for that purpose; the said bond to be lodged, thereafter, in the Treasury.

Resolved, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Major Pat. Carr, for three guineas, the same being to reimburse him for a quantity of rum, which, it appears, he expended in public service with the Indians, in the course of last year, by order of the Governor. And that the same be charged to the contingent fund.

WHEREAS, some time since, one Lang, a notorious offender, was sent from this State to Charleston for his trial. And whereas, the passage money of the said Lang & his guard, amounting to four and a half guineas is not yet paid to Captain Jeremiah Dickinson altho' it is said the same hath been paid in Charleston to Col° Farrell who escorted the said Lang down; It is therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of the said Capt. Dickinson for the said four and half guineas, to be charged to the Contingent Fund: And that the same be debited to Colo. Farrell who is required to reimburse the Treasury in the same.

WHEREAS, it is expedient and proper that strict patrols be kept up during the holi-days, that is to say, from the 15th of December to the 10th of January, in the several districts in the Counties of Chatham, Liberty and the lower part of Effingham, It is therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Governor do issue orders, for that purpose, to the several Colonels of the said Counties. And that extracts of the most material clauses of the patrole laws be annexed to such orders. The Attorney General to make out a copy of such extracts for each Colonel.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Joseph Woodruff Esquire, Collector for Savannah, for one hundred and twenty five pounds, being for six months salary up to the 22nd November Instant; And that the same be charged to the establishment.

The following grant was this day signed by His Honor the Governor in Council, viz, For James Martin (Col°) 920 acres. Washington County,

Application being made by Capt. Nathaniel Pearre, accom-

panied with an affidavit of William Greer, setting forth, that the six several land warrants, viz,

	Capt Pearre	460	acres.	in the reserve
	William Green	287½	do	Bounty.
811.	John Gibson	287½	do	do.
140.	Wiatt Bonner		do	purchase
1822.	Frank Smith	287½	acres	Bounty
1668.	Alexr. Smith	287½	do	do

were stolen out of his possession, praying that duplicates warrants of the same might issue;

It is ordered, That such duplicates be, accordingly granted, on his, the said Capt. Pearre, giving bond in the penalty of..... Pounds, with two sufficient securities, in case the said warrants are recovered, or shall come to his hands, they shall be delivered up to be destroyed and that the State shall be indemnified against any injury or abuse, by reason, or in consequence, of the said warrants being lost as aforesaid.

In Council, Savannah, 26th November 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

James McFarland
Daniel Coleman
James Powell
John Fulton
William Stephens
} Esquires

Whereas, by way of note, at the foot of the Chief Justices charge to the Grand Jury of Liberty County, ordered to be laid before this Board with the presentments of the Grand Jury, a section is published in the Gazette as an article of the Constitution, which, by comparison, differs essentially from the words contained in the said Constitution. In order, therefore, to pre-

vent any person being deceived or misled on a question of some moment,

It is ordered, That the said article of the Constitution, as it really stands, be published in the next Gazette, which article, being copied, verbatim, from the Constitution is as follows—

"2. The Legislature of this State shall be composed of the "Representatives of the people, as is hereinafter pointed out.: "and the Representatives shall be elected yearly and every year "on the first Tuesday in December; and the Representatives, so "elected, shall meet, the first Tuesday in January following, at "Savannah, or any other place or places where the House of As-"sembly, for the time being, shall direct."

A petition of Alexander Johnston Spiers and Patrick Crookshanks, Merchants, accompanied with a letter from Richard Howley Esquire, praying the interposition of this Board, in respect to a suit now depending against the said Petitioners, being laid before the Board,

Resolved, That this Board will not, from any thing alledged, or appearing to them, interfere in the premises.

Resolved, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Priscilla Jennings, Widow, and four children of her, the said Priscilla Jennings, for four years allowance, amounting to seventy two pounds granted by act of Assembly, passed, January 10th 1782, and that the same be charged to the Contingent fund.

Resolved, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Jean Runnels, widow of Frederic Runnels deceased, and four children, for three years allowance, amounting to seventy two pounds, granted by act of Assembly, passed 10th January 1782, and that the same be charged to the Contingent fund.

Resolved, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Lettice Duke, widow of Henry Duke, and three children; for four years allowance, amounting to sixty four pounds, granted by act of Assembly, passed 10th January 1782, and that the same be charged to the Contingent fund.

Resolved, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favour of Daniel Coleman Esquire, for eleven pounds, four shillings and four pence, being for his attendance in Council up to.....the 30th November including five days to go to Wilkes County, pursuant to resolve of Assembly passed 26th February 1784, and that the same be charged to the establishment.

Resolved, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of James McFarland Esquire, for ten pounds, five shillings and four pence, being for his attendance in Council up to the 29th November including four days returning, pursuant to resolve of Assembly, passed 26th February 1784, and that the same be charged to the establishment.

Petition William McKennon praying permission to come into and be protected in this State &c. &c. was read.

Ordered, That the said William McKennon do receive a temporary protection from this Board, until a law shall be passed, pointing out the mode for admitting persons to the rights of citizenship agreeable to a resolve of Assembly, passed 25th February 1784.

Petition Joseph Washam, praying permission and a protection in this State &c. &c. was read.

Ordered, That the said Joseph Washam do receive a temporary protection from this Board, until a law shall be passed, pointing out the mode for admitting persons to the rights of citizenship agreeable to a resolve of Assembly passed 25th February 1784.

In Council, Savannah, 30th November 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	William Stephens	Esquires
James Powell	Jenkin Davis	
John Fulton	Zacharias Fenn	

Resolved, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Daniel Dannelly, who hath produced a certificate from Samuel West Esquire, of his being wounded and maimed in the service of his Country, for thirty pounds, the same being for two years gratuity up to the 12th July last, allowed by the act of Assembly passed 10th January 1782. And that the same be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Resolved, pursuant to resolution of Assembly, dated 10th January 1784, that the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of the Honorable the President, for five pounds, the same to be laid out by him for the use of James White, a person maimed and deprived of the arm, in the service of the Country. And that the same be charged to the Contingent fund.

Whereas, it appears to this Board, by the Affidavit of John Wereat Esquire, that a certain tract of eight hundred acres of land on Crooked River, advertized by the Commissioners of Confiscated Estates, as the property of Charles Wright Esquire, is under a particular predicament and that Miss Elizabeth Burrington of Charleston, Spinster, hath an equitable claim to the same —It is therefore,

Ordered, That the sale of the said 800 acres of land be postponed by the said Commissioners until after the meeting of the next House of Assembly.

Resolved, pursuant to a resolution of the Honorable House of Assembly dated 25th February last, that the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of James Johnston,

Printer, for the amount of his audited account being two hundred and sixty eight pounds, eight shillings and one penny half penny. And that the same be charged to the Contingent Fund.

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board that after a full settlement of accounts with Chesley Bostwick Esquire, by John Wereat Esquire, Public Auditor, there is a balance coming to the said Chesley Bostwick of.....notwithstanding which, a Judgment had been obtained and execution is now issued against the said Chesley Bostwick for a sum of money, which, it appears, he has, by express orders paid in corn—It is therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of the said Chesley Bostwick, for the said balance, and that the Attorney General be directed to enter satisfaction in the name of the State on the said Judgement so obtained as aforesaid on the payment of his fees. And it is further

ORDERED, That the accounts of the said Chesley Bostwick be lodged with the Auditor in order that he may make the proper charges against the United States, for such articles as lie against them.

RESOLVED, That Mrs.....Howell and five children be permitted to pass, unmolested, to Major Carr, who is required to place them on a vacant plantation, recommended, as it is said, by him, as suitable for them, near the old Towns. And that whilst she, and her children conduct themselves inoffensively, they receive the protection of the laws.

This day His Honor the Governor, in Council signed the following Grants—viz,

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Richard Burton	230	acres	
John Linch	230	"	Franklin
Willm. Corban	230	"	"
Pat. Kneal	230	"	"

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Pat. Kneal .....230 acres

WILKES COUNTY.

James Oricks .....250 acres
Jacob Dansby .....200 "

In Council December 3d 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Willm. Stephens John Fulton
Zacharias Fenn James Powell Esquires.

WHEREAS, Richard Call Esquire, Surveyor General, hath been, for some time past, in Charleston; and there are daily applications for plats, at his office, but for want of some person authorized to sign the same they cannot be had. And whereas, it is a great hardship upon persons coming from remote parts of the State, to be obliged to wait at a heavy expence in Savannah, for a considerable time, and, perhaps, after all, compelled to go away without having their business done. It is therefore,

RESOLVED, That Thomas McCall, who, at present, keeps the said office as substitute to the said Surveyor General, be appointed and authorized to pass and sign the said plats and certificates annexed to the same, during the absence of the said Surveyor General, or the further order of this Board; that the said Thomas McCall do, nevertheless, sign his name as Pro Surveyor General, and that he previously thereto give bond, with two securities, in the penal sum of £500. Sterg. conditioned for his good behaviour, and attend this Board and take an oath for the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him. And it is further

ORDERED, That the said M^c^Call, do write to the said Richard Call to repair to Savannah without delay to attend to the duties of his office, or shew cause to this Board why he doth, or can not—

In Council Savannah 8th December 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	Zacharias Fenn	Esquires.
James Powell	John Fulton	
William Stephens		

WHEREAS, it is represented to this Board, that five hundred acres of land, being part of a tract of twelve hundred acres, advertised for sale, on the 20th day of this Instant, by the Commissioners of forfeited estates, as the property of Jermyne and Charles Wright, on Butter-Milk Bluff, on the River St Mary, were reserved, and intended by the public for a Town—And whereas, it cannot, at present, be ascertained, in what part of the said tract the said reserve lies—It is therefore,

RESOLVED, and ordered, That the sale of the said twelve hundred acre tract, be postponed until after the meeting of the next House of Assembly, to whom will be referred to make what order they shall think proper in the premises.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give two drafts upon the Treasury in favor of Mr. John P. Wagnon, the one for five pounds, sixteen shillings and the other for two pounds, eighteen shillings; making, together, eight pounds fourteen shillings; being for supplies furnished the Indians at Augusta, by order of the Governor and Council; and that the same be charged to the Contingent fund.

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council.

WILKES COUNTY.

Henry Graybill .....400 acres.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Randal Jackson .....287½ acres
Owen McGarr .....287½ "
Michael Harvey .....287½ "

WILKES COUNTY.

Jordan Wells .....200 acres.
Willm Candler .....600 "
Willm Candler .....300 "
John Whitesides .....200 "
John Lamar .....250 acres
John Kelly .....200 "

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

James Ryon .....287½ acres
Peter Jackson .....287½ "

WILKES COUNTY.

Henry Graybill .....100 acres
Peter Jackson .....200 "
William Tyler .....200 "

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

John Harvey .....287½ acres
Moses Powell .....287½ "
Cader Powell .....287½ "

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Joseph Boggs .....200 acres
Ignatius Few .....200 "
Willm Candler .....200 "

WILKES COUNTY.

John Bates .....250 acres
William Wiggins .....350 "

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Jeremiah Bugg ..... 50 acres.

WASHINGTON COUNTY. —

Willm Candler .....287½ acres.

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Ambrose Holliday .....100 acres.

WILKES COUNTY.

Ignatius Few .....800 "

WASHINGTON COUNTY. —

William Gardner .....287½ acres

WILKES COUNTY.

Ignatius Few .....200 acres
Ignatius Few .....200 "
Ignatius Few .....200 "

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Benj^{a} Jones .....287½ acres.

RICHMOND COUNTY.

William Few .....300 acres.

WILKES COUNTY.

Willm. Candler .....200 acres
Willm. Candler .....600 "
Willm. Anderson .....200 acres.
William Candler .....850 "

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Hezekiah Kendrick .....287½ acres.

Petition of Montague Simonds, accompanied with a certificate of recommendation, praying to be admitted a citizen—was read—

ORDERED, That the said Montague Simonds do receive a temporary protection from this Board until a law shall be passed, pointing out the mode for admitting persons to the rights of citizenship agreeable to a resolve of Assembly passed 25th February 1784.

In Council, Savannah, 9th December 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

Zacharias Fenn, James Powell, William Stephens, John Fulton } Esquires.

This Day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council.

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Stephen Day .....200 acres.

WILKES COUNTY.

Gravener Stewart .....400 "
William Downes .....450 "
William Phillips .....400 "
Joel Brooks .....200 "
William Sanson .....1200 "
Joseph White .....200 "
Thomas Childers .....200 "
William Pinkerton .....200 "

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Joseph Lesley .....287½ acres

WILKES COUNTY.

Thomas Adkins .....200 acres.
John Woodall .....200 "
William Veazy .....200 "
Benjamin Thompson .....200 "
Martha Waters .....200 "
William Smith .....150 "
Job & Providence Brooks .....300 "
Joel Phillips .....950 acres.
Joseph Brown .....200 "
Charles Bonnar .....400 "
Martha Stewart .....200 "

EFFINGHAM COUNTY.

George Bryan .....200 acres
Jesse Pugh .....250 " Wilkes
Dread Wilder .....350 " "
Andrew Willson .....200 " "
William Phillips .....200 " "
John Beall.....400 " "
Rebecca Bonnar .....200 " "
Rhoda White.....200 " "
Francis Nichols.....200 " Effingham
William Lee.....100 " Richmond
Dread Wilder.....100 " Wilkes

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Benjamin Jenkins .....150 acres

WILKES COUNTY.

Ruth Bonnar.....200 acres
Benjamin Willson.....400 "

In Council, Savannah 14th December 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	John Spencer	Esquires.
James Powell	John Fulton	
William Stephens		

A petition from Alexander Johnston Spiers in behalf of himself and Patrick Crookshanks being laid before the Board, respecting a cargo of Negroes, yesterday seized for non performance of quarantine, required by act of Assembly, passed 26th March 1767, and the said party having alledged several matters in excuse of himself which cannot be made appear until the return of the Collector to Town. It is therefore,

Resolved, That on condition the party claiming the said negroes will give bond in the penal sum of £4000, with two good securities to the same, that the said negroes, (death only excepted) shall be, at all times, forth coming when called for; and that no advantage shall be taken of any delay in regard to the prosecution, that, in that case, the negroes be suffered to remain, for the present, and until further orders, in the hands of said claimants and that the information be not filed in Court until Monday next: but that, on that day, it be positively filed by the Attorney General, unless otherwise ordered by this Board.

And it is further ordered,— That the Treasurer be admitted as Informer in this case, who shall prosecute, as well for himself as for the State.

John Cobb
vs
John Green } Caveat

Resolved, as the opinion of the Board, that the caveat be dismissed, and that the Defendants works do pass.

In Council, Savannah, 15th December 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	James Powell	Esquires.
John Fulton	John Spencer	

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council— viz—

WILKES COUNTY.

William Anglin ..... 200 acres.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Elijah Gillett ..... 1000 acres

WILKES COUNTY.

Richard Call ..... 500 acres
Heirs of John Thompson ..... 300 "

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Isaac Lowe Senr ..... 287½ "

WILKES COUNTY.

Hugh Jones ..... 125 acres
Joseph Jackson ..... 400 "
Heirs of John Thompson ..... 150 "
Richard Call ..... 500 "
Zacharias Phillips ..... 300 "
Stephen Hogge ..... 200 "
Jacob Hoge ..... 460 "

BURKE COUNTY.

Edward Telfair ..... 500 acres
William Phillips ..... 200 " Wil.
William Downes ..... 575 " Wash.

WILKES COUNTY.

Richard Call .....500 acres
Fred^k Lepham .....250 "
David Terrill .....200 "
Thomas Harkins.....200 "
William Holliday .....400 "

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Robert Thompson .....287½ acres

WILKES COUNTY.

Zachay Phillips .....100 acres

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Heirs of Robert Morgan.....200 acres

WILKES COUNTY.

Jacob Hoge .....200 acres

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Benjamin Nicholson .....200 acres
Jesse Horn .....100 "

WILKES COUNTY.

Richard Call .....400 acres

EFFINGHAM COUNTY.

Richard Scruggs.....200 acres

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Henry Wagners .....287½ acres

WILKES COUNTY.

Richard Call .....500 acres

RICHMOND COUNTY.

William Lee.....100 acres

WILKES COUNTY.

Alex^r Luckies. .....200 acres
Jesse Pugh .....150 "
Jacob Henley .....250 "

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Thomas McCall .....287½ acres.

In Council, Savannah, Thursday, 16th Decr 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham, James Powell, Zacharias Fenn, John Spencer } Esquires.

William Little vs William McGee alias McGehee } Caveat

RESOLVED, as the opinion of this Board, that this caveat be dismissed, and that the defendants work do pass.

RESOLVED, That the Board will meet to-morrow morning precisely at 9 o'Clock, for the trial of Caveats; that they will, then, proceed to call the docket as the causes stand on the same, and in case the parties are not ready they will either dismiss the said caveats or proceed ex parte, as the case may be, unless good cause of excuse shall be shewn for the absent parties.

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants, in Council. viz,

RICHMOND COUNTY.

John Maddox .....200 acres
James Waters .....200 "
William Tindall .....200 "
Henry Walden .....200 "

WILKES COUNTY.

Thomas Glascock .....772 acres.
David Luckie .....200 "

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Jacob Castleberry .....287½ acres.

WILKES COUNTY.

John McDonald.....200 acres
Charles Jackson .....200 "
George Freeman .....250 "
James Finsley .....200 " Richmond
Lydda Guy .....200 " "

In Council, Savannah, December 17th 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

James Powell, John Fulton, John Spencer, William Stephens, Zacharias Fenn } Esquires.

Francis Pugh vs Isaac Lockhart Pollock & others } Caveat

The defendants having made default in appearing, the Board

proceed to hear the cause on the part of the plaintiffs and thereupon are of opinion that the Plaintiffs ought to have the land in dispute, and that his works do, accordingly, pass the office for the same

James Cunningham
vs
Benjamin Greene } Caveat

The Board are of opinion that this Caveat be dismissed, and that the defendants works do pass.

Nathaniel Christmas
vs
Micajah Williamson
William Young & others } Caveat

——— Johnson
vs
Henry Kerr } Caveat

John Ragan
vs
Richard Call
Micaja[h] Williamson
& others } Caveat

Absolem Islands &
Stephen Bishop
vs
Michael Whatley
John Whatley
Sam[l] Sinkfield &
all others } Caveat

John Brown
versus
Joseph Phillips } Caveat

Jesse Roundree
vs
Reason Bowie } Caveat

John Amor vs Thomas Walton or any others	Caveat
Thomas Napier vs Jacob Landers or any other	Caveat
Patrick M^c^Elmurry vs Daniel Burnet	Caveat
Thomas Carswell vs Micajah Williamson	Caveat
John Fling vs Peter Youngblood	Caveat
Miles Duncan vs Joseph White	Caveat
Heirs of R. Gilder vs Arthur Smith	Caveat
Nathl Coates vs Sitha Hammit Wm Perrit Corn^s^ Smith & others	Caveat
Charles Burks vs Micajah Williamson or any other	Caveat

William Downes vs Elijah Gillet & others	Caveat
Elijah Clark vs Richard Woods	Caveat
Nehemiah Dunn vs Micg[l] Williamson W[m] Young, Sam[l] Harper Mor[d] Bolden, Jn[o] Kimbro Willis Pope, W[m] Duke, W[m] Hammet & others	Caveat

The foregoing Caveats were all dismissed for non attendance of the parties.

Travis M[c] Kenny vs Thomas Snelson John M. Kenny vs Leben Watson & all others.	Caveats

RESOLVED, as the opinion of the Board that these matters be referred to the County Surveyor of Washington and as the disputes depend on the district lines, that he be directed to settle and adjust the contentions pursuant to the order of Council on that head, dated in Augusta 30th Sep[r] last; that two months from this day be allowed for that purpose; and that, in the mean time, the works of both parties, Plaintiffs and Defendants be stopt in the Secretary's office.

WHEREAS, Captain William Cones hath lately, in several instances exerted himself much in suppressing Robbers, and is thereby become entitled to the thanks & acknowledgements of his Country.

RESOLVED, therefore, that this Board will and do strongly recommend to the Honorable the House of Assembly, that they make a compliment of 200 acres of land, late William Powells, on the South side of Great Ogechee to the said Capt. Cone for his services. And that, in the mean time, the sale of the said 200 acres be adjourned over for one month, by the Commissioners of Confiscated Estates, in order the House of Assembly may have an opportunity of passing their opinion on the above recommendation. And it is further,

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of said Capt. Cone, for the use of himself and men, as a reward for their exertions, for the sum of £25. sterl^g^ the same to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

WHEREAS, several matters, on which parties appear to found equitable claims, in respect to the following tracts of land, have been laid before the Board, and as the meeting of the Legislature, who must finally, determine the said cases, is near at hand. It is therefore resolved, and

ORDERED, That the sale of the said several tracts of land, be adjourned over by the Commissioners for one month from the intended day of sale, then to come on, unless otherwise ordered by the Legislature that is to say,

400 acres late the property of John Forbes
900 acres " " "
400 acres " " Thomas Skinner, Effingham County.

Petition from Luke Mann, being laid before the Board requesting land for some services

ORDERED, That the same be referred to the House of Assembly.

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council— viz,

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Mann Sims	800	acres
John McDuffee	100	"
Major Eubank	200	"

WILKES COUNTY.

Tabitha Thompson	250	"
Benjamin Scott	400	"
Richard Woods	250	"

RICHMOND COUNTY.

James Fleming	200	"

BURKE COUNTY.

Harris Tomerlin	200	acres

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Mann Sims	200	acres
Jacob Greathouse	150	"
Henry Taylor	100	"
Jesse Morgan	100	"

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

William McGehee	400	acres
Thomas Kelly	287½	"

In Council, Savannah 24th December 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	John Fulton	Esquires.
Zacharias Fenn	James Powell	

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treas-

urer in favor of James Powell Esquire, for £28. 18. 8, being for two months attendance in Council, pursuant to a resolve of Assembly, dated February 1784. And that the same be charged to the establishment.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft in favor of the Treasurer for £50. being for one quarters salary due him on the 23d day of this Instant, December. and that the same be charged to the establishment.

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council. viz.

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Burns Higginbottom .....150 acres

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Archibald Beall .....862½ acres

EFFINGHAM COUNTY.

Sharrod McCall .....200 acres

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Edward Powell..... 5 acres

EFFINGHAM COUNTY.

Thomas McCall .....200 acres

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

William Matthews. .....287½ acres

RICHMOND COUNTY.

John Pulk .....200 acres
John Paulk .....200 "
John Dennis Junr.....200 "

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Onsby Carney ..... 287½ acres
James Jackson ..... 1207½ acres

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Judith Higginbottom ..... 150 "

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Thomas Houghton ..... 250 acres
William David ..... 575 acres
Josiah Taylor ..... 287½ "
John Germany ..... 287½ "
Misheck Matthews ..... 287½ "
Edward Hall ..... 287½ "
John Young Junr ..... 287½ "
Thomas Marbury ..... 287½ "
Williams Wallace ..... 287½ "
Philip Hornby ..... 575 "

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Samuel Jones ..... 100 acres
Daniel Danerly ..... 690 " Wash.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY.

Charles McCall ..... 200 acres

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Elizabeth Shadwick ..... 100 acres

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Geo. Hart ..... 287½ acres
George Folds ..... 287½ "

EFFINGHAM COUNTY.

George McCall ..... 200 acres

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Richard Castleberry .....287½ acres

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

William Matthews .....287½ acres
Nathaniel Hudson.....287½ "
Onsby Carney.....287½ "

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Priscilla Tumbleston .....150 acres

CHATHAM COUNTY.

John Lucas .....536 acres

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Edward Young.....287½ acres

In Council, Savannah, December 28th 1784.

Present,

His Honor the Governor

John Habersham, Zacharias Fenn, John Fulton, James Powell } Esquires.

The Governor laid before the Board, the report of three Justices which he had yesterday received, respecting the trial and sentence of three negroes fellows, the one named Peter, belonging to William Harden, the other named Tom, belonging to the estate of Baillie.

RESOLVED, That this Board will not interfere in the matter but leave the law to its course.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favour of Captain Eimbeck for £10 in part of his allowance for taking care of the Fort and public arms: and that the same be charged to the establishment.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of Joseph Woodruff Esquire, for £6. 2/. the same being for so much advanced by him for furnishing liquor to the militia on 4th July last, by the Governors order; and that the same be charged to the Contingent Fund.

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council— viz,

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

John Laramore	287½	acres
William Webster	287½	"
Benjamin Welch	287½	"
Joshua Sanders	287½	"
Benjamin M'Cormack	287½	"
Robert Williamson	575	"
Samuel Pain	287½	"
John Heard Senr	287½	"
Thomas Vickers	287½	"
Job Jackson	287½	"

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Samuel Cartledge	200	Acres

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Thomas Ayers	287½	acres
Joseph Woodruff	690	"
John Milner	287½	"
Michl Rafforty	287½	"
Walton Whateley	287½	"
Charles Waters	287½	"

John Pearry .....287½ acres
Matthew Griffin .....287½ "
Andrew Dicks. .....287½ "

BURKE COUNTY.

Elisha Bargeron .....100 Acres

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Mark Sanders .....287½ Acres.
John Sapp .....287½ "
Powell Hamper .....287½ "
John Coleman .....287½ "
John Ragan .....287½ "
John Bentley .....287½ "
Stephen Heard .....287½ "

WILKES COUNTY.

Isaac Avera .....250 Acres

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

John Sapp .....287½ Acres
Emanuel Sapp .....287½ "
Samuel Longston .....287½ "
Charles Simmons .....287½ "
Lewis M'Gee .....287½ "
Solomon Pendleton .....1149 "
Charles Simmons .....287½ "

In Council, Savannah, December 31st 1784.

Present, His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	Zacharias Fenn	Esquires.
John Fulton	James Powell	

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasurer in favor of James Jackson Esquire, Attorney at Law, for ten guineas the same being for retaining and pleading fees in several actions, wherein he, by desire of the Governor joined the Attorney General in behalf of the public, under the authority of the resolve of Assembly, dated.....February 1784; and that the same be charged to the Contingent fund.

Application being made for protection to Martin Palmer, who, it is said, hath been, for eighteen years last past, a resident of East Florida and it appearing by certificate of the Attorney General, that there is nothing to his knowledge against said Palmer, It is therefore,

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of John Palmer, a member of Assembly, that the said Martin Palmer do receive a temporary protection from this Board, pursuant to the resolve of Assembly dated.....February last.

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council—viz,

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Jeremiah Cloud	287½	Acres
Abraham Lamb	287½	"
Col° Stephen Johnson	862½	"
James Allen	287½	"
Reuben Lett	287½	"
William Bishop	287½	"

WILKES COUNTY.

John McKenny .....200 Acres

EFFINGHAM COUNTY.

Reuben Bynam .....200 acres.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

John Burks	575	Acres
Solomon Palmer	287½	"
John Perkins	287½	"
Seymour Catching	575	"
Daniel Marshall	287½	"
James Youngblood	287½	"
Sanders Walker	747½	"

WILKES COUNTY.

Loveless Savage	200	Acres	Rich[d]
Reuben Allen	200	"	"
John Pitman	300	"	"
Reuben Allen	250	"	"

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Zacheus Marshall	287½	Acres
Daniel Young	287½	"
Peter Purking	287½	"
William Ayers	287½	"
Richard Barefield	287½	"
Laban Thompson	287½	"
Abraham Marshal	747½	"
William Wilder	287½	"
Edward Young	287½	"

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Joseph Walkers	287½	Acres
Joseph Marshall	287½	"

Dill Sapp .....287½ Acres
Samuel Cartledge .....287½ "
Peter Pevy .....287½ "

WILKES COUNTY.

Levy Marshall .....200 Acres

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Daniel Marshall .....400 Acres.

WILKES COUNTY.

William Wilder .....600 Acres
Job Calloway .....430 "
Heirs of James Goldwire .....400 "

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

John McLean .....287½ Acres
Thomas Shaw .....287½ "
William Morgan .....287½ "
Joshua Burnett .....287½ "
Benjamin McCormack .....287½ "

In Council, Savannah, January 3^d 1785.

Present, His Honor the Governor

John Habersham, Zacharias Fenn, John Fulton, James Powell } Esquires.

Resolved, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasurer in favor of David Rees Esquire Secretary of this Board, for £25. being for his half years salary, due him since the last payment; And that the same be charged to the establishment.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of David Rees, Esquire, for £19. 7. 10 being for advances by him for House rent for the Land Court in Augusta, Stationary and other matters for public use. And that the same be charged to the contingent fund.

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft, in favor of John Riley, upon the Treasurer, being the remaining sum due him as Messenger to this Board, for £10. the same to be charged to the establishment.

Petition of David Rees Esquire, being laid before the Board and read, praying that an allowance be made him for an Assistant which he was obliged to hire in Augusta,

ORDERED, That the same be referred to the Honorable House of Assembly.

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council—viz,—

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Robert Middleton .....575 Acres.

BURKE COUNTY.

Charles Hudspeth .....100 "

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Thomas Hearthorn .....287½ Acres.

WILKES.

Thomas Harris .....200 "

WILKES COUNTY.

Michael Cope .....350 Acres
Elias Cozart .....200 "

WASHINGTON.

Joseph Finshwell .....287½ acres

WILKES.

Geo. Pettigrew .....150 "
William Edwards .....100 "
George Reynolds .....400 "

BURKE.

David Meazle .....150 "
Christian Nulson .....100 "

WASHINGTON.

William Davis .....575 "

WILKES.

John Dudley .....100 "
James Patrick .....200 "
William Noble .....200 "
John Conner .....350 "

BURKE.

Samuel Irvin .....200 "

WASHINGTON.

John Jones .....287½ "
Edmund Beards .....287½ "
Thomas Wooten .....287½ "
Dill Sapp .....287½ "
William Hewett .....287½ "
Philip Nowland .....287½ "
Robert Lethgoe .....287½ "

RICHMOND.

William Zachary .....200 "

WASHINGTON.

William Forster .....575 Acres

WILKES.

Ann Milligan .....100 "

WASHINGTON.

James Hogg Senr .....287½ "

WILKES.

Nicholas Burt .....200 "
William Barnard .....600 "

WASHINGTON.

John Bentley .....287½ "
William Lamar .....287½ "
John Glamkin .....287½ "

WILKES.

Gideon Anderson .....400 "
John & Isaac Dennis .....700 "

BURKE COUNTY.

Richard Burney .....100 "

WILKES COUNTY.

George Pettygrew .....200 "

WASHINGTON.

William Mitchell .....287½ "
Joseph Harper .....345 "

WILKES.

John Wingfield .....200 "
John Todd .....200 "

WASHINGTON.

William Sapp .....287½ "
Samuel Lamar .....287½ Acres
David Meazles .....150 " Burk.
James Allen .....287½ "

WILKES.

William Fitzgerald .....200 Acres

WASHINGTON.

Reason Bowie .....287½ "

WILKES.

James Luckie .....200 "
Philip Combs .....200 "
Samuel Barnett .....200 "

WASHINGTON.

Lewis Gardner .....287½ "

WILKES.

William Fitzgerald .....200 Acres.
James Cochran .....200 "
John Harris .....200 "
James McDonnell .....200 "

WASHINGTON.

Henry Townsend .....287½ "
Robert Lithgoe. .....287½ "

WILKES.

William Ellis .....400 "

WASHINGTON.

Joshua Sapp.. .....287½ acres

WILKES.

Stephen Nobles .....200 "
James Hammet .....450 "

WASHINGTON.

John Perkins .....287½ "

In Council, Savannah, January 4th 1785.

Present, His Honor the Governor

John Habersham
James Powell
William Stephens
Zacharias Fenn
John Fulton
} Esquires.

RESOLVED, That it appears to this Board, that, on a settlement of accounts with Captain Eimbeck, Keeper of the Fort, up to this day, there is a balance of £: 11. 9. due and owing to him over and besides the remainder of his salary, after deducting the sum of ten pounds, which has been paid him in part of his said salary. And it is further ordered, that all the papers and vouchers of the said Capt Eimbeck, now before the Board be lodged and deposited in the Treasury.

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board that there is due and owing from the public of this State to Mr Leonard Cecil, the sum of £589. 12. 8. And whereas, by two resolves of Assembly, the one dated 10th February 1783, and the other dated 21st February 1784, the Governor and Council were directed to pay the same out of any of the funds of this State. It is therefore,

RESOLVED, and ordered, that the Governor do give a draft

upon the Treasurer in favor of Leonard Cecil for the said sum of £589. 12. 8, that the said Leonard Cecil do not negotiate or pass away the said draft, but that a credit on the same from time to time, as he shall have duties on any other monies to pay to the Collector or into the Treasury, shall be as good as cash until the whole shall be paid. And that, thereafter, he do give up the said draft, with a receipt in full on his account, to be annexed to the same.

Resolved, That the Governor do give drafts upon the Treasury in favor of the following gentlemen, for the following sums, the same being for their attendance in Council up to this day, as per their respective accounts, lodged with the Secretary of this Board. And that the same be charged to the establishment—pursuant to a resolve of Assembly dated.....February 1784.

To the Honorable the President.....	£ 83. 14. 8	
To the Honorable William Stephens...	10. 10. 8	
To the Honb[l] John Fulton.....	31. 14. 6	
To the Honble. Zacharias Fenn.....	24. 5. 4	£150. 5. 2.
To the Honble. James Powell for two days.	18. 8	

Resolved, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasurer in favor of Samuel Stirk Esquire, the Attorney General, for the sum of £139. 13. 1 1/2 being for fees and other charges for public business done by him in his said office. And that the same be charged to the Contingent fund.

Resolved, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasurer in favor of Samuel Stirk Esquire, for £50. being for his last years salary, agreeable to a vote of the Assembly. And that the same be charged to the establishment.

Resolved, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasury in favor of William Stephens Esquire for the sum of £5. 8. 9. being for retaining and pleading fee in an action of Woodruff

qui tam claimants vs. Findley & others, wherein he joined the Attorney General by desire of Governor and Council of 15th June last, on behalf of the public, under the authority of the resolve of Assembly dated.....February 1784, And that the same be charged to the Contingent Fund.

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council—viz—

WILKES COUNTY.

William Terrill Senr ..... 87 Acres.

WASHINGTON.

Elijah Pugh .....287½ "

WILKES.

Richard Call .....500 "
Nathan Burnett .....300 acres
John Gibson .....300 "
John Barnett .....200 "
Benjamin Davis .....200 "
John Barnett .....200 "

FRANKLIN.

Nathan Barnett .....575 "

WASHINGTON.

Richard Holliman .....287½ Acres
Thomas Taylor .....287½ "
Heirs of Charles Williams .....460 "
William Hunt .....575 "
John Abbott .....575 "

WILKES.

William Luckie .....200 "

WASHINGTON.

Thomas Shaw .....287½ "

WILKES.

Alexander Luckie .....200 "

FRANKLIN.

Jesse Webb .....287½ "

WASHINGTON.

James Martin .....287½ "
William Brown .....287½ "
David Carson .....287½ "

WILKES.

Nathan Barnett .....250 acres

WASHINGTON.

Joseph Robertson .....287½ "

FRANKLIN.

Daniel Barnett .....287½ "

WILKES.

Micajah Williamson .....200 "

WASHINGTON.

William Brady. .....287½ "
Joseph Williams .....287½ "
Gideon Patterson .....287½ "
Henry Cope .....345 "
David Carson .....287½ "
David Holliman .....287½ "

In Council, Savannah, January 5th 1785.

Present, His Honor the Governor

John Habersham	Zacharias Fenn	Esquires.
James Powell	John Fulton	
William Stephens		

RESOLVED, That the Governor do give a draft upon the Treasurer in favor of George Hardwick for ten guineas, the same being for riding express's to Major Carr and Captain Cone, respecting the late robberies and that the same be charged to the contingent fund.

This day His Honor the Governor signed the following grants in Council. viz,

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Elijah Clarke	1150	Acres.
James Johnston	345	"
Samuel Paine	287½	"
John Candler	287½	"
John Kitts	287½	"
Mark Holliman	287½	"
Robert Hudson	287½	"
Wiliam Newberry	287½	"
Joshua Ford	287½	"
John Stephens	575	"
Littleberry Bostwick	575	"
Ephraim Bowen	575	"
George Walton	575	"

WILKES.

Joseph Gibbons	500	"

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Samuel Carson	287½	Acres
Henry M^c^Kenny	287½	"
Alexander M^c^Dougals	287½	"
John Mann	287½	"
Nehemiah Wade	287½	"
Mark Sheftall	575	"
William Satterwhite	287½	"
Antom Crumbley	287½	"

WILKES.

Samuel Creswell	350	"
Nicholas Long	800	"

WASHINGTON.

William Hollinger	287½	"
Samuel M^c^Culloch	345	"
John Clarke Junr	287½	"

And then the Board adjourned.

January 6th 1785.

This day the Honorable House of Assembly having proceeded to the choice of a Governor for the current year, the present Governor and Council considered their Term as expired, and, therefore, did not meet again.

JOURNAL

OF

THE LAND COURT,

HELD IN

AUGUSTA

FROM 6TH APRIL TO 26TH MAY, 1784.

(From State Archieves.)

GEORGIA

At a Court, held at Augusta, in the County of Richmond, for the purpose of granting out lands, under, and by virtue of, an act passed at Savannah the 25th February 1784, on Tuesday the 6th day of April 1784,

Present,

The Honorable the President

Daniel Coleman	George Walton	Esquires.
Zacharias Fenn	James McFarland	

Application having been made to court, by sundry individuals, attending the same, to know whether persons possessing certificates from the Officer commanding the Regiment they served in, who have omitted to exchange them for others signed by His Honor the Governor, would be entitled to receive warrants for the certificates first mentioned.

The President put the following question to the Court. Whether the Court were of opinion that warrants might issue on certificates which have not been signed by His Honor the Governor agreeable to a resolve of the House of Assembly, dated the 12th January 1782.

Mr. Coleman, Mr. McFarland and Mr. Walton were of opinion that as no part of the last land act, expresses that the certificates signed by commanding officers, of regiments, should be exchanged for others signed by His Honor the Governor, warrants may issue on those signed by said officers, especially, as it has been the uniform practice of His Honor the Governor to submit the examination of the said certificates to those members of

Council, who were best acquainted with the persons in whose favor they issued—almost all of whom are now members of, & present in Court.

The following notification was ordered to be made public, to wit,

A Notification

Land Court 7th April 1784.

The public are hereby notified that, on Tuesday next, the 13th of April Instant, the Secretary will be ready to receive petitions from persons applying for warrants, on every day in each week; (Thursday, Friday and Sunday excepted,) from the hours of seven to one in the forenoon, and from three to seven in the afternoon, until Tuesday the 27th of said Month inclusive, and that, on Monday the 17th of May next, the Court will be ready to issue warrants agreeable to law.

To give as general satisfaction as possible to those concerned it is determined that the names of all those who send in their petitions on or before the day above mentioned, namely, the 27th of April Instant shall be deposited in a box, and an adequate proportion of numbers in another—on the 17th of May, the day appointed for issuing warrants, a child will be appointed by the Court to each box, one to take the names out and the other the numbers, and the warrants will be numbered accordingly; By this means the petitioners will have an opportunity of obtaining their Warrants, at nearly one and the same time; and, consequently, be, as much as possible, on a footing in laying their warrants.

It is recommended to all concerned, that they present their petitions within the time prescribed, in order that they may not loose the chance which the above lottery will give them of obtaining a fortunate number; and further, as the Court will be obliged to suspend the receiving any more petitions until those first deposited are drawn.

Land Court, Augusta 8th April 1784.

Present, the Honorable the President.

Zacharias Fenn Daniel Coleman John Greene	George Walton James McFarland	Esquires.

Memorial of Genl George Mathews John Cobbs, Thomas Napier, Francis Willis and James Marks Esquires, was presented to the Board respecting a reserve of two hundred thousand acres of land

Ordered, That the consideration thereof be postponed till Monday next.

A number of the Officers of the Georgia Line, being desirous to know whether, as a certain district is reserved for themselves, the Soldiers, Seamen &c. by the late land act, the boundaries of which, are expressly marked out; they may not receive warrants on their petitions before the time pointed out by the notification of yesterday—And further, the said Officers beg leave to inform the Board, that, by an act of Congress, bearing date, the..... 1783 all officers who then held the same rank they did in 1777, are entitled to receive commissions a grade higher they, therefore, hope the Board will allow them in their warrants the difference arising between their former and present rank, upon their producing from Authority a certificate that they are entitled to such additional rank.

Ordered, That the consideration thereof be postponed till Monday next.

Land Court, Augusta 12th April 1784.

Present, the Honorable the President.

George Walton, James McFarland, Daniel Coleman } Esquires.

The Board proceeded to take into consideration the memorial of Genl Matthews, & John Cobbs, Thomas Napier, Francis Willis, and James Marks Esquires, which was postponed to this day, And they are of opinion that, according to the true intent and meaning of the 7th Sec. of the land act passed at Savannah 25th February 1784, the Memorialists and others from the State of Virginia, who apply in person, are entitled only, to a reserve of land, in either of the new Counties to the amount of their head rights according to the said act for the term of fifteen months from the passing of the same.

Ordered, That the Secretary do furnish the above Gentlemen with a copy thereof.

The Board took into consideration the application of the Officers of the Georgia Line, which was postponed to this day, and are of opinion that no warrants can, with propriety, be issued until the time pointed out by the late notification, in as much as such partial indulgence might give umbrage to the people in general.

With respect to the additional County, the Board agree as to the propriety of it being included in the warrants of those who, produce proper vouchers of their being entitled to it under the act of Congress dated.....1783.

Ordered, That the Secretary do furnish the said Officers with a copy thereof.

Land Court Augusta 13th April 1784.

Present, the Honorable the President.

George Walton	Daniel Coleman	Esquires.
Zacharias Fenn	James McFarland	

Pursuant to the notification of the 7th Instant, the Court by the Secretary of the Exve Council, began to receive petitions for land warrants as per books A. B. & C, and proper columns therein marked for that purpose.

14th A petition from General Geo. Matthews, John Cobbs, Thomas Napier, Francis Willis, and James Marks, was presented, praying they might have an appeal to the Executive in full Council on the decision this Board passed yesterday, before such steps may be taken as to prevent a full execution of the express law in their favor on this head by individual and personal application made to this Board.

In answer to which the Board beg leave to inform the said Gentlemen that they can have no objection to their appealing to the Executive in full Council; but, that they cannot consistent with the notification issued by them on the 7th Instant consent to any further postponement of the time for executing the business of the land Court.

Ordered That the Secretary do furnish the Petitioners with a copy of the above.

A Memorial from a Committee of the Officers, in behalf of themselves, and the Officers, Seamen and Soldiers of the Georgia Line was presented, setting forth the inconveniences that must result to them by waiting for their Warrants the time prescribed by the Notification—Whereupon,

Ordered, That the Memorialists be informed that, altho' this

Board are fully sensible, no disadvantage could arise to any other denomination of Citizens, by granting them the indulgence requested, yet, they cannot consent to gratify them for the reasons already mentioned.

A petition from James Rae Esquire was presented, setting forth that he had acted upwards of four years as D^y^ Comm^y^ Genl of purchases for this State, and that he thinks himself entitled to a bounty of land agreeable to his rank, under the laws of Congress and the State.

On which the Board observe that Mr. Rae's Commission from Congress is dated in August 1777, and that he resigned the same in February following; they therefore do not think him entitled to a bounty under the act of Congress referred to; but, as he also acted some time in the same character under the orders of the State, they recommend that he apply to the Legislature.

Land Court, 23^d^ April 1784.

Ordered, That the Surveyors of the Counties of Franklin and Washington be informed that it is the desire of this Board, they do not run any lands in the said Counties on Warrants that have the smallest erasure upon them; and that they respectively notify the same to their Assistants.

Land Court 28th April 1784.

An affidavit of James Marks Esquire, was presented, setting forth that he intends bringing in with him from the State of Virginia, head-rights of his family that have not heretofore been

allowed lands in this State to the number that entitles him, under the present laws, to one thousand acres of land.

Also a petition of the said James Marks, setting forth that he is one of those in whose favor a reserve of two hundred thousand acres of land was made, on the 13th Feby 1783, and by virtue of a late act of Assembly, dated 25th Feby 1784, is authorized to fix on the County and place where he would choose, and therefore prays a Warrant of Survey may pass in his name for one thousand acres of land, beginning at the Mouth of Town Creek &c.

On the affidavit the Court remark that Mr. Marks makes oath he never received lands for the head rights he intends to bring into the State, but does not make it appear he has never received any land in this State—and as he petitions for the full amount that can be granted to any one person, this should appear.

With respect to the petition—The Board refer Mr. Marks to their decision of the 12th Instant on a similar application made by sundry Gentlemen from the State of Virginia, among whom he was one.

Land Court, Augusta 13th May 1784.

The President laid before the Board a letter from his honor, the Governor, covering an order of Council, dated the 23d April last, that this Board should issue a Warrant directed to the Surveyor General causing him to admeasure and lay out twenty thousand acres of good land, which was promised by the State to Count De Estainge in one of the new Counties; and that the same be held in reserve until the meeting of the Assembly in July next, to whom it will be referred in what manner to complete the said donation, or do therein as they shall judge proper.

Whereupon the Board proceeded to issue a Warrant directed

to Richard Call Esquire, Surveyor General, requiring him to have the said twenty thousand acres of land admeasured and laid out in Franklin County immediately, agreeable to the aforegoing order.

Land Court, Augusta 15th May 1784.

A letter from Richard Call Esquire, Surveyor General was laid before the Board requesting some directions with respect to the Boundary line between the Counties of Wilkes & Washington, the same having been originally imperfectly marked, or the marks being worn out &C.

Respecting which the Board are of opinion that the Surveyor General should first endeavor to obtain a sight of the Treaty between the people of this County and the Indians in 1773, which doubtless will furnish him with the necessary information, and in failure thereof, they recommend that he take the oath of some creditable persons as to the spot commonly called the Cherokee Corner, and the words of the said Treaty in General— and from thence chop a plain and fair line agreeable to the said Treaty & the information of such person or persons between the said two Counties of Washington & Wilkes.

A memorial from the Surveyor General was also laid before the Board setting forth that the present number of Assistant Surveyors for the new Counties is insufficient, and praying that an augmentation thereof may take place.

Whereupon the Board concur with the Surveyor General in opinion that the present number of Assistants to the County Surveyors is insufficient— and therefore recommend that he appoint, or cause to be appointed, a number of Assistants not exceeding two to each district, in addition to the number prescribed by the

last land act, until the meeting of the Legislature in July next, when the said appointment will be confirmed or rejected as they may think proper.

ORDERED, That the Secretary do furnish the Surveyor General with a copy of the foregoing.

Land Court, 20th May 1784.

The issuing of the Warrants is unavoidably postponed to Monday next, the 24th Instant, on the morning of which day precisely at 10 o'Clock that business will commence.

As it may be inconvenient for many persons to attend, all such are informed that they may obtain their Warrants by giving their friends a written power to receive them, and the Clerk is now ready to take the Powers into his office.

The Land Court are sorry this business cannot sooner be accomplished: they hope the people will be convinced they have hitherto used every possible expedition.

By Order.

Land Court 21st May 1784.

WHEREAS, there are a number of Warrants that are elapsed by being detained by Caveats and other unavoidable causes; and others that have been surveyed after the time limited in the Warrants as appears by a representation made to this Board by the Surveyor General,

RESOLVED, therefore, that it is their opinion that the said Surveyor General should pass all elapsed plats; and that a further time of three months be allowed for all Warrants that are elapsed.

Land Court Augusta, 22d May 1784.

A letter was received from Richard Call Esquire, Surveyor General, informing the Board that he had appointed Mr Gregg to run the line circumscribing the Indian Hunting Grounds, and is apprehensive it will be dangerous going without a Guard &C. Whereupon,

ORDERED, That Colo Clark, commanding in Wilkes County be requested to furnish a party, consisting of an Officer and twelve men properly armed and accoutred to protect the said Mr. Gregg in the execution of the above business.

Land Court, Augusta, 26th of May 1784.

A petition was received from William Glascock, Esquire, and sundry others, respecting the fees that should be received by the Clerk of the Land Court.

After mature deliberation on the said Petition the Court are of opinion that the fees to the Clerk of the Court established by law are as follows.

		s	d
For drawing a petition	£0:	2:	6.
For reading a Petition	0:	1:	0.
For an order on that Petition	0:	1:	6.
For the copy of any paper not exceeding two copy sheets	0:	1:	6.
	£0:	6:	6.
In case the petition is drawn by the Petitioner deduct	:	2:	6.
	—	4:	0.
The Door Keeper and Messenger is entitled to on each Petition.	—	2:	4:

With respect to the fee of the Secretary of the State, of one shilling and nine pence for Countersigning each Warrant, the Court do not find any such fee mentioned in the fees to be demanded by the Secretary of the State, and think the act unnecessary.

The Court are sensible that custom heretofore has authorized the Clerk of the Council to take three shillings and six pence from every Petitioner whether he, the Clerk, drew the petition or not, and that under this idea and from no wish to extort, Mr. Rees has taken the same as his predecessors.

Upon the whole, the Court recommend, that Mr. Rees refund what he has taken through mis-apprehension to those by whom he has been paid, and make public the fees the Court think him entitled to agreeable to the late fee-bill.

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